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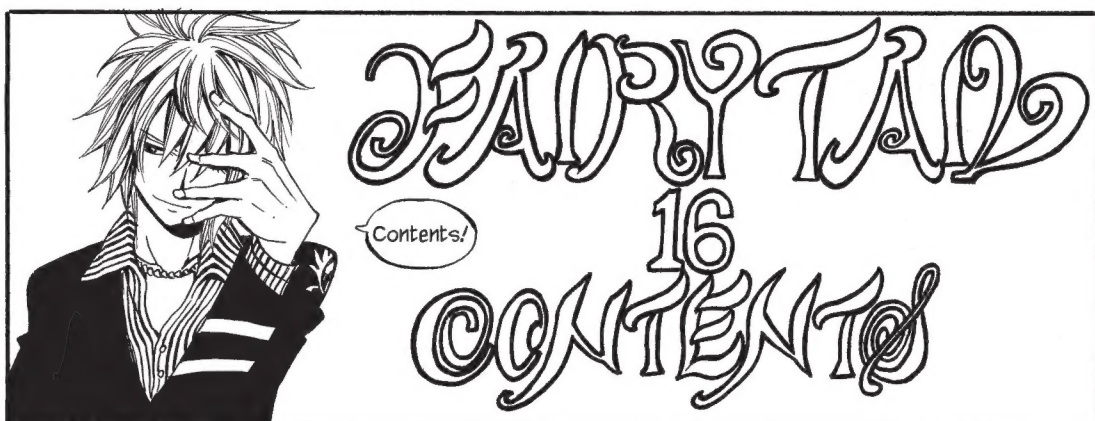
Hiro Mashima
Creator of *Rave Master*

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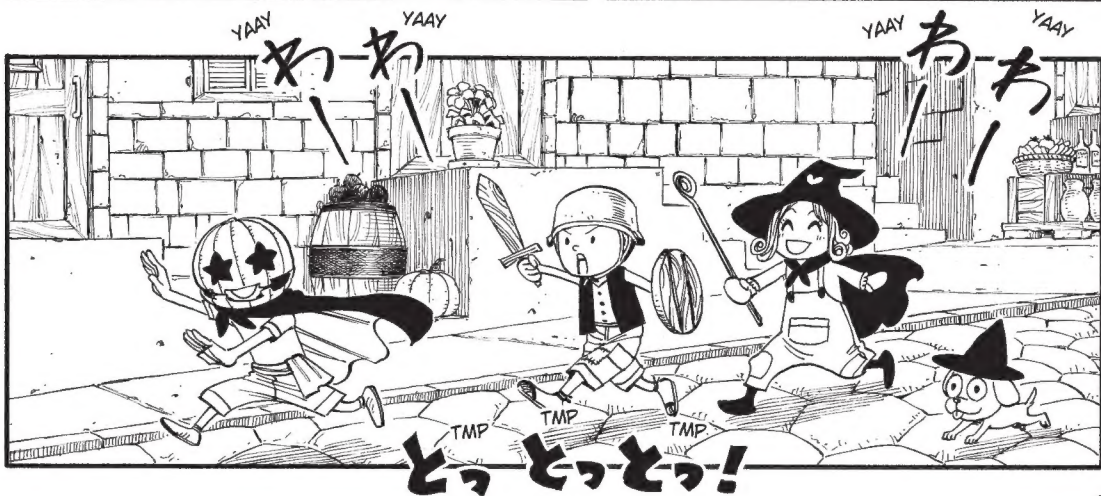
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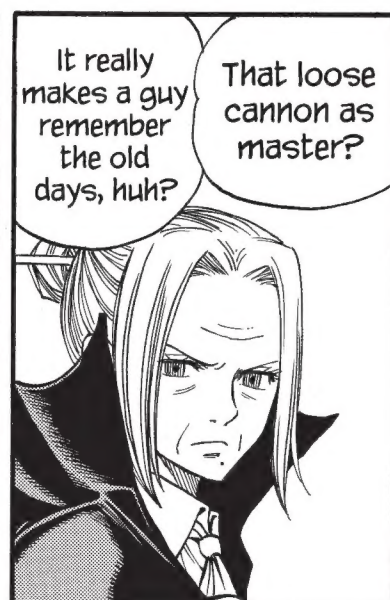
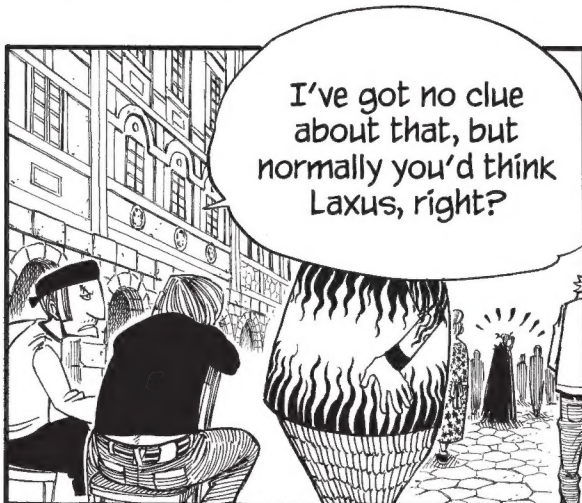
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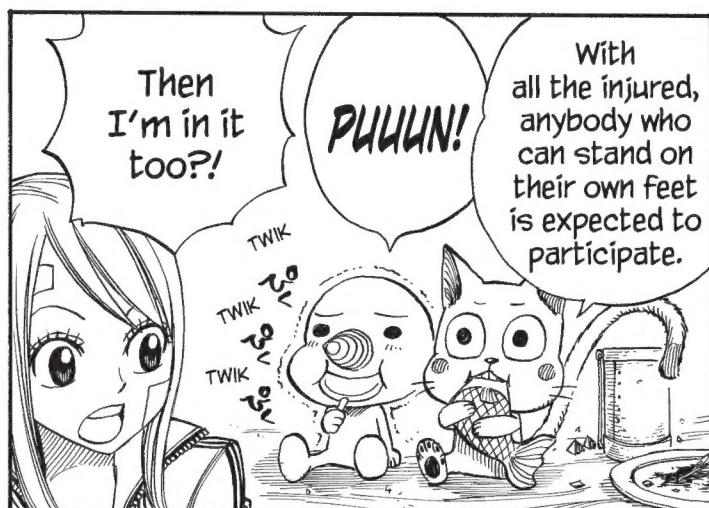
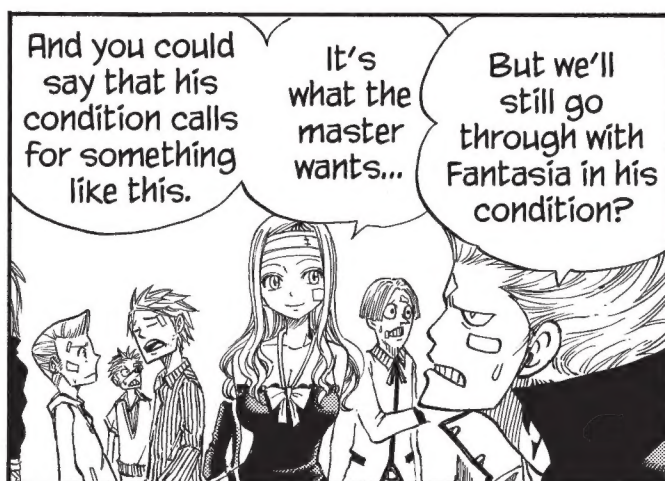
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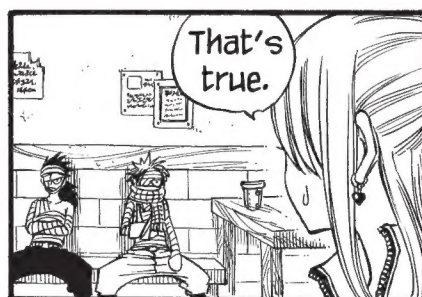
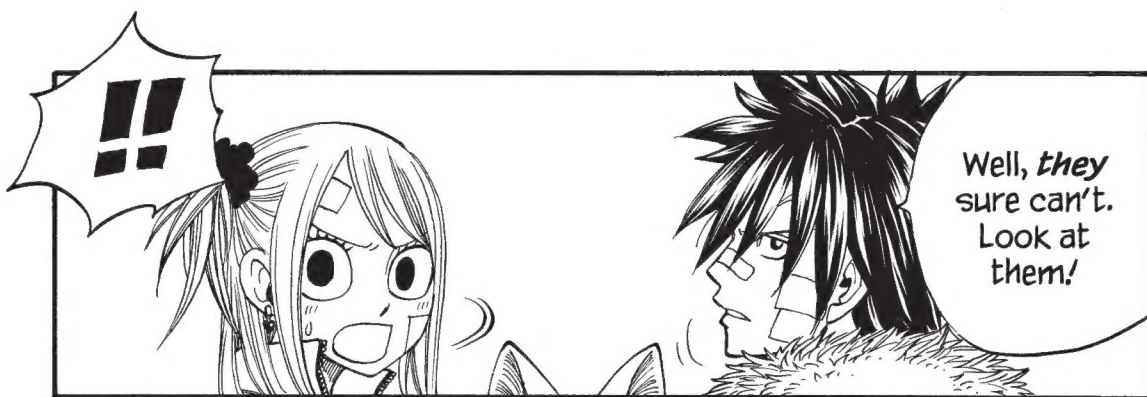


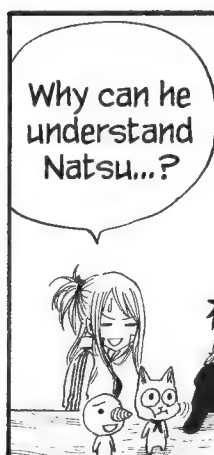


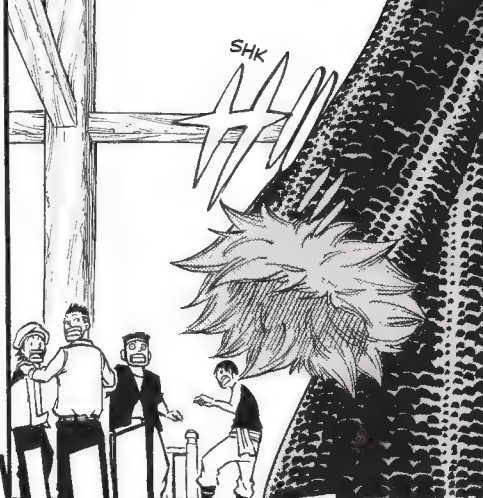
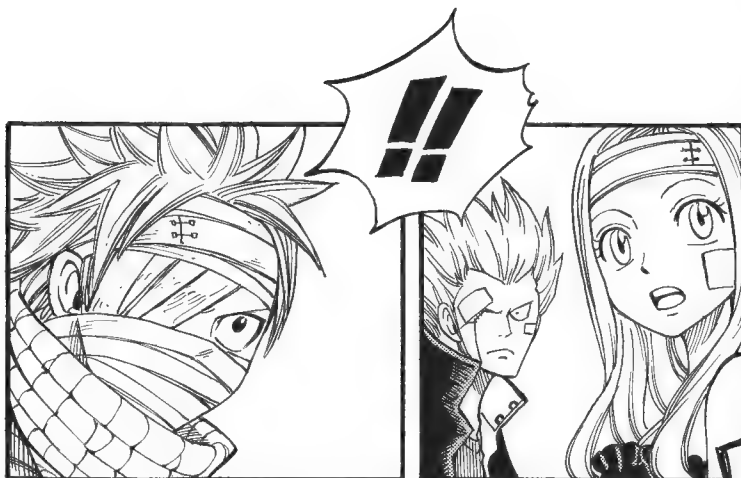




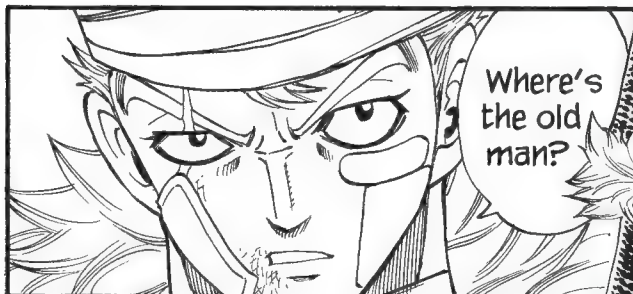


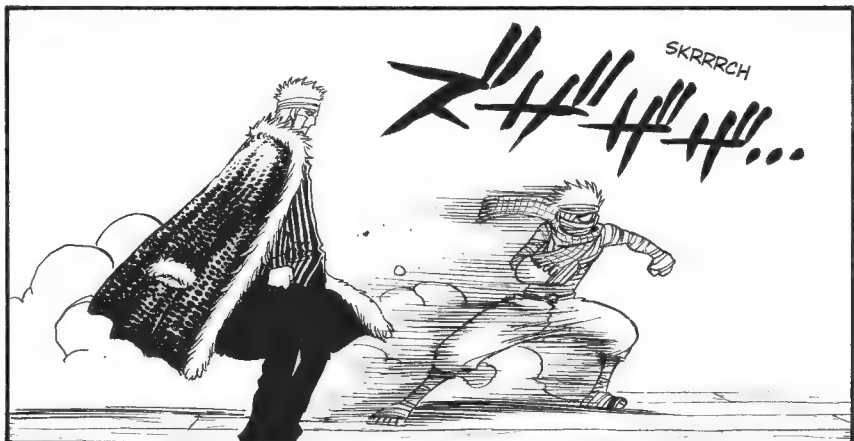
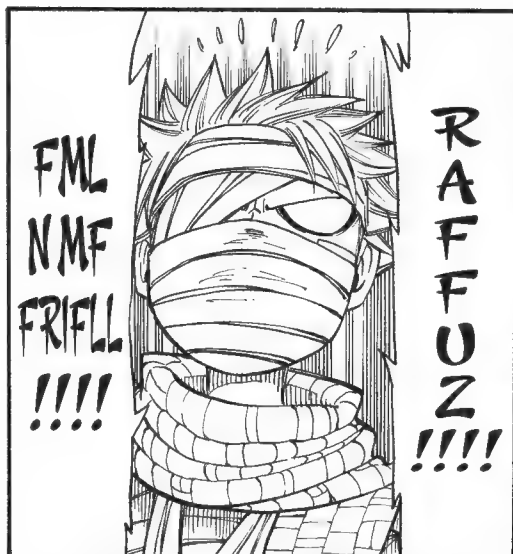


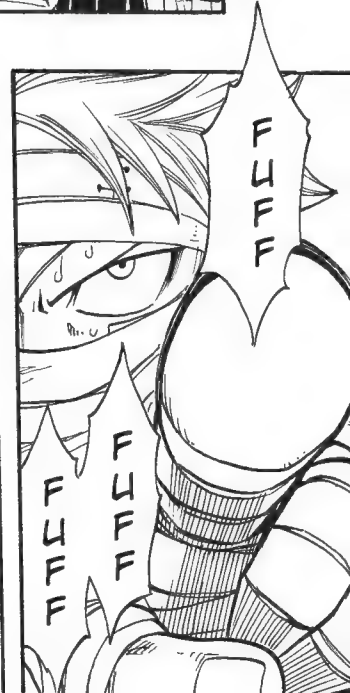
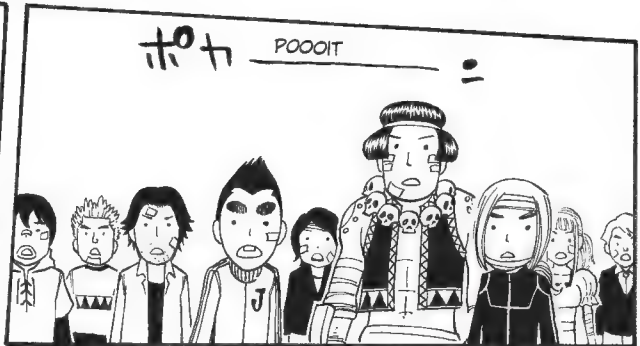


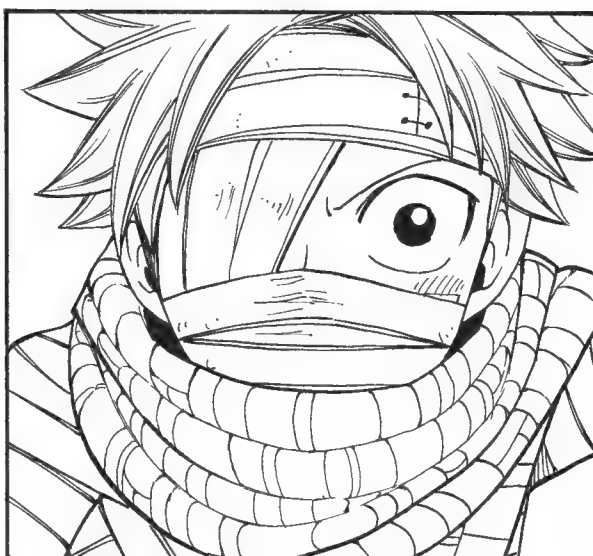
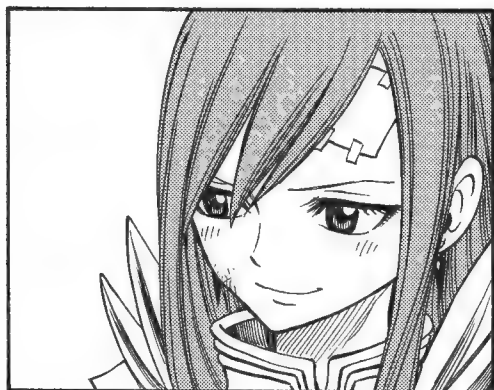
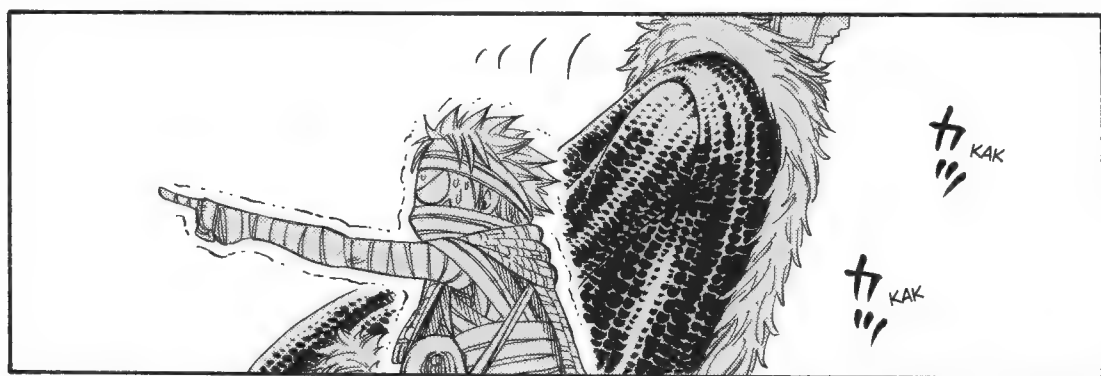


Lexus
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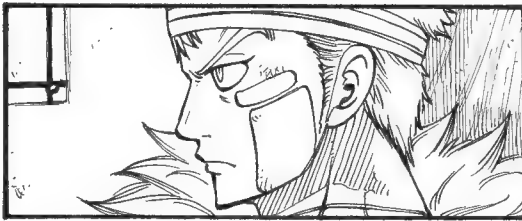
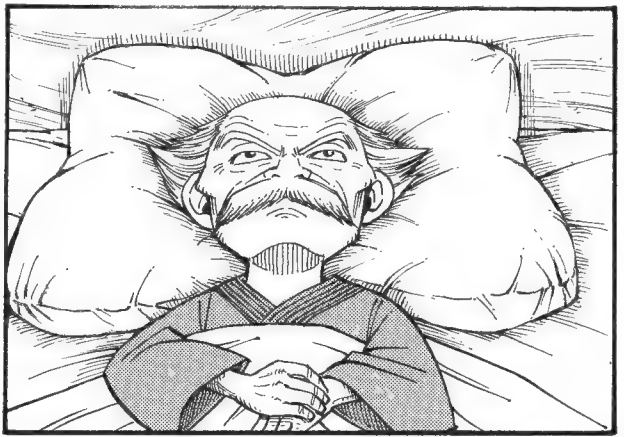


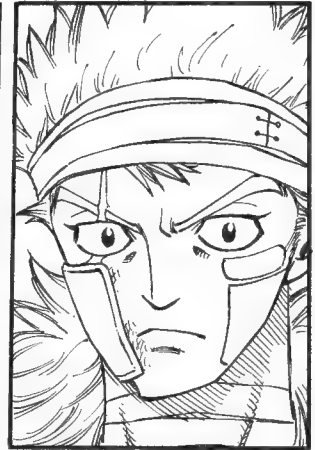
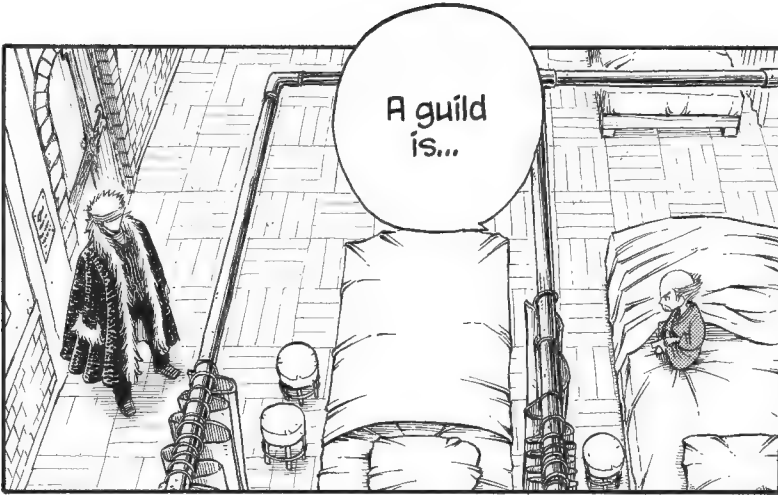


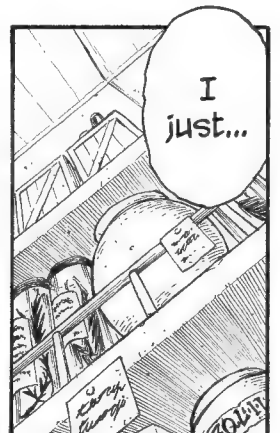
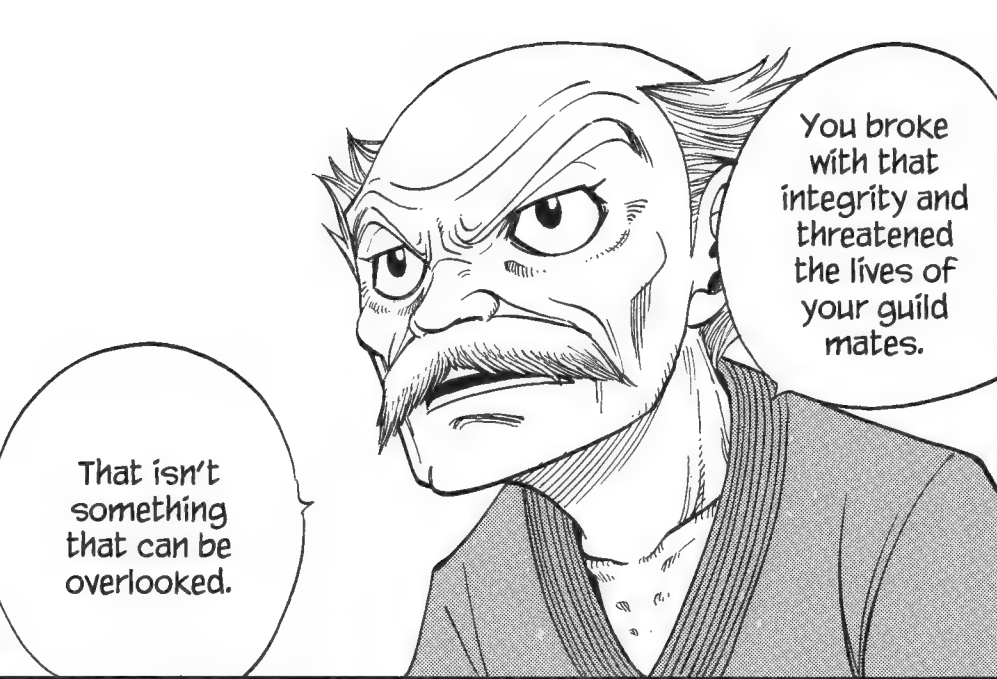














Can't you lighten up even a little?

It's amazing how clumsy you are dealing with people...

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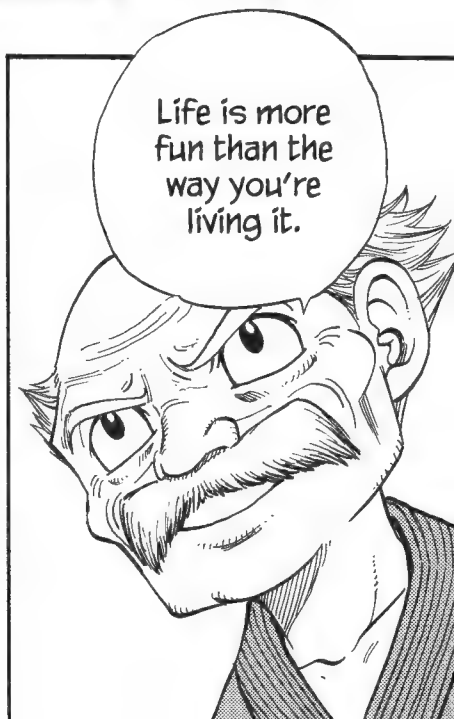
Hear the words you're deaf to now.

If you could, you would see things that you can't see now.

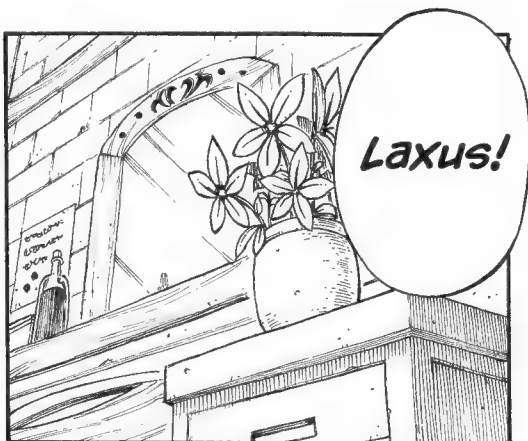
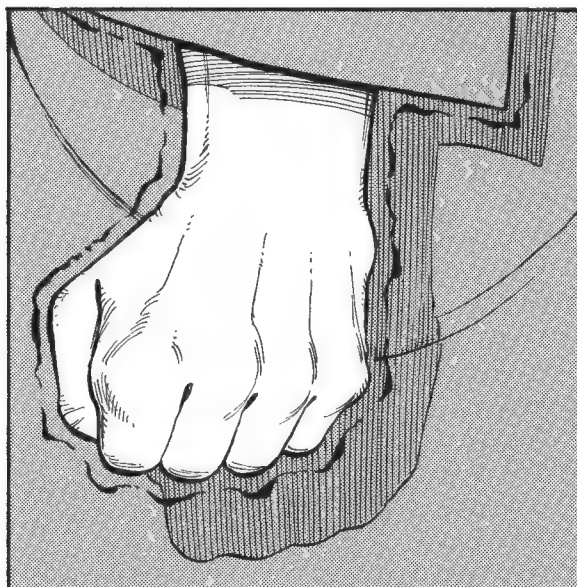
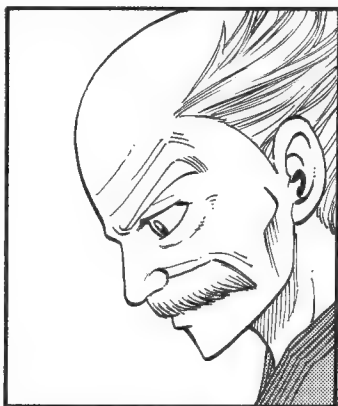
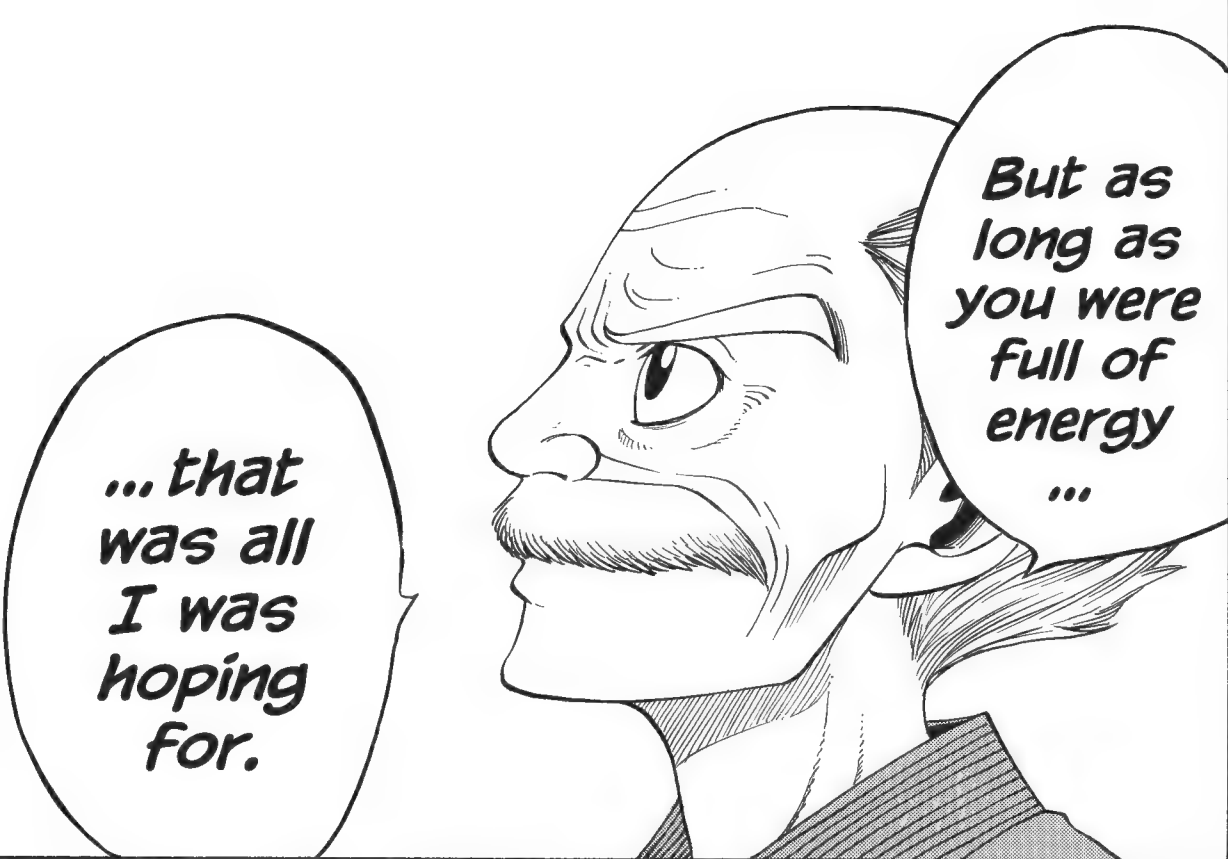


You didn't need strength. Be stupid for all I care...

You know I... *lived* to watch the way you grew up.



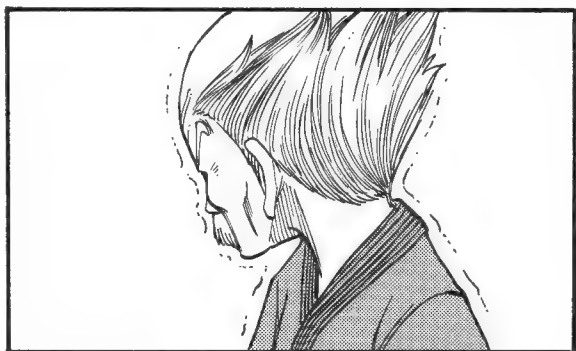
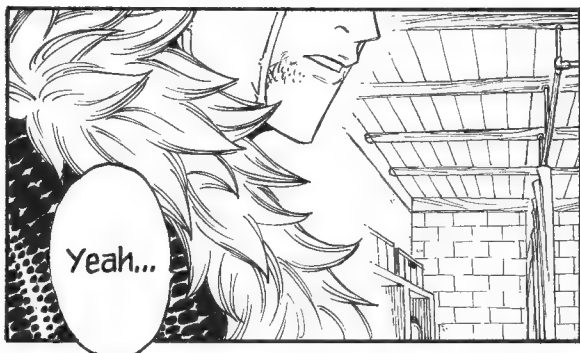
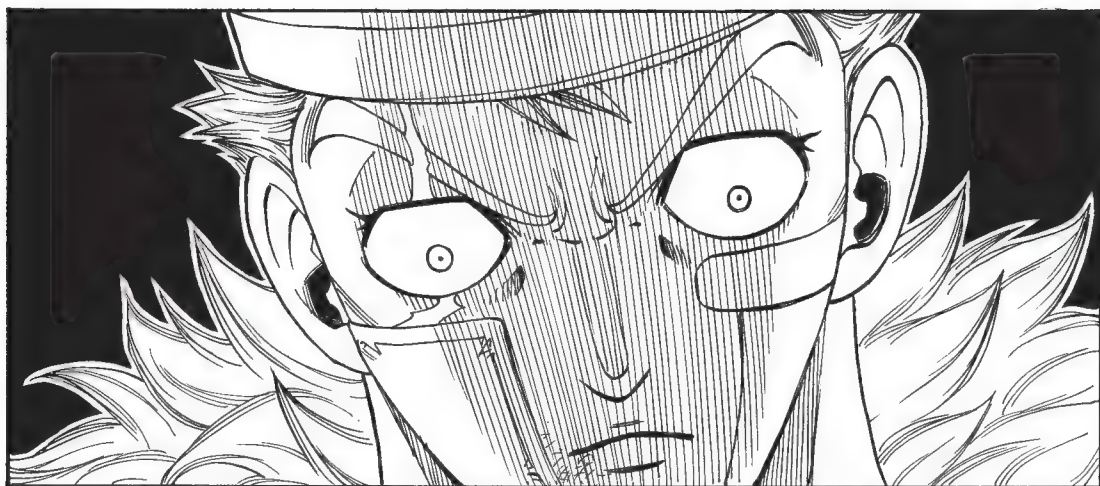
Life is more fun than the way you're living it.

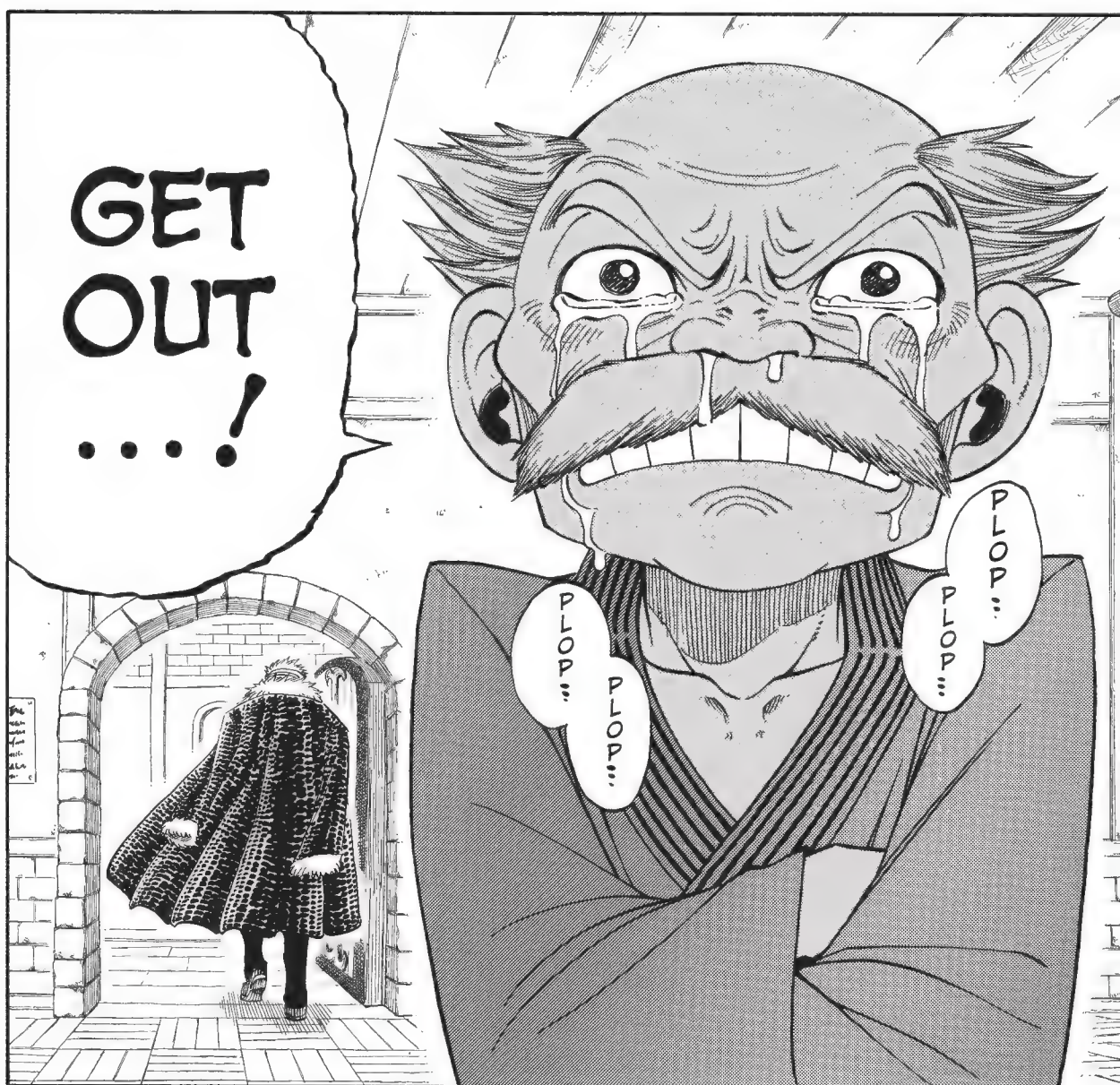


**YOU ARE
EXPELLED!**

FWOOM





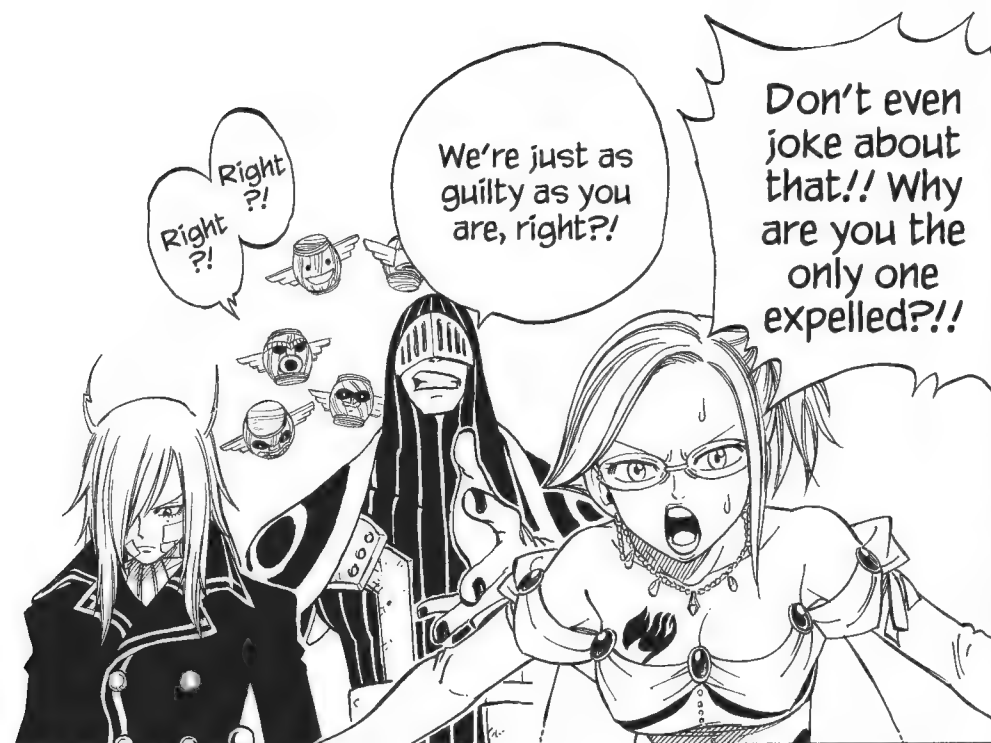


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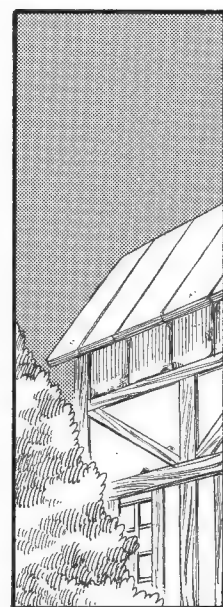
Chapter 128: Fantasia



Right?!
Right?!

We're just as
guilty as you
are, right?!

Don't even
joke about
that!! Why
are you the
only one
expelled?!!



Can't you
just say,
"See ya"?

You
guys are
such a
pain!



Without
you around,
I'm... You
know?

Then I'm
going to
quit too!!!

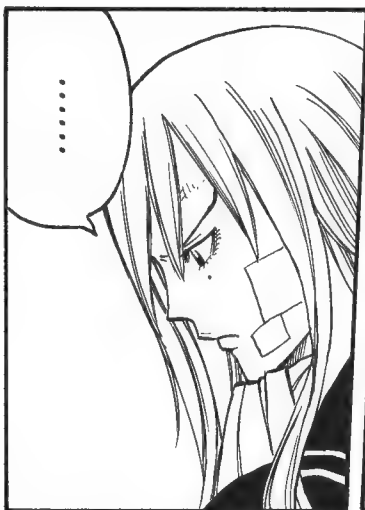
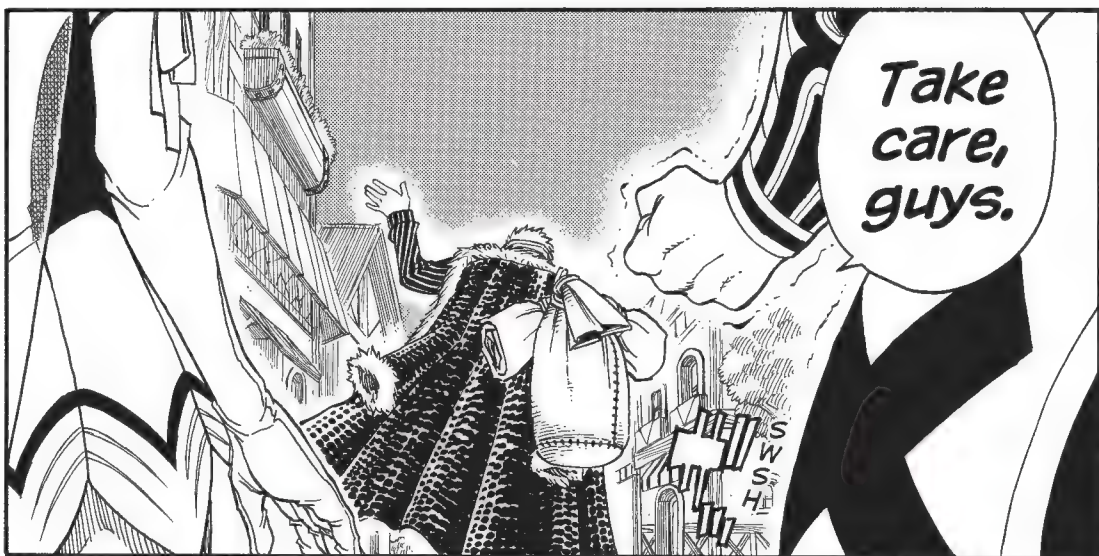
That's
his
decision
to make.

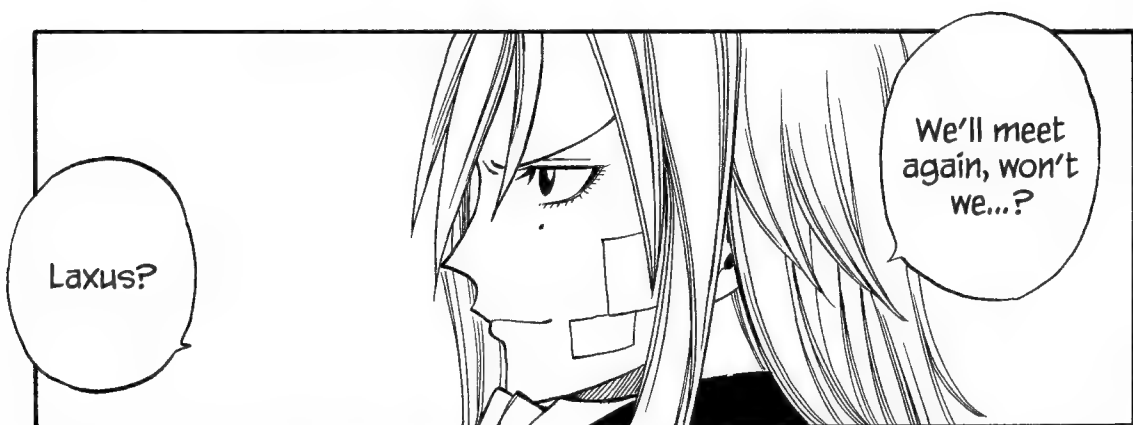


You guys
still got some
attachment to
the guild. I don't
anymore.

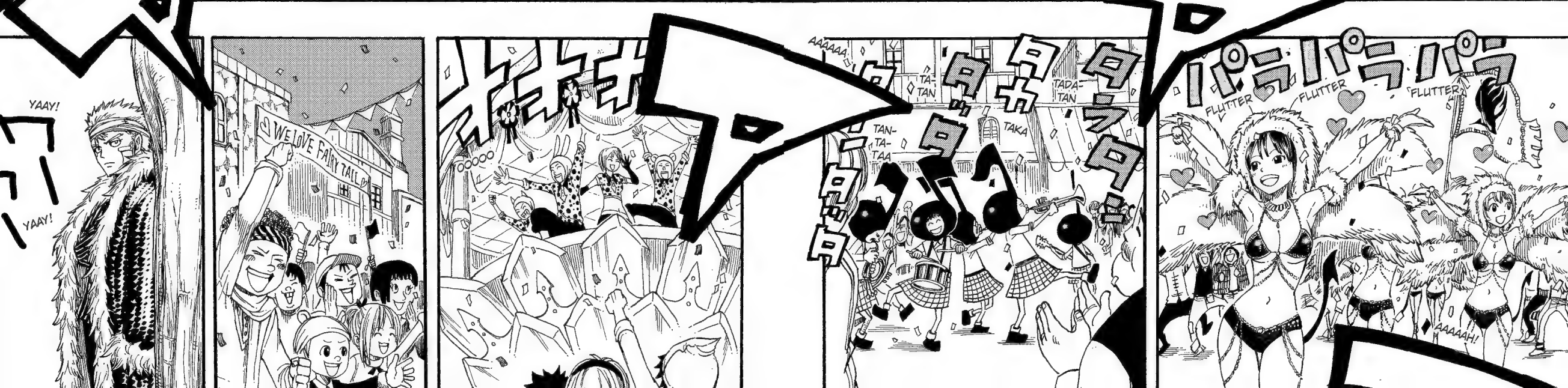
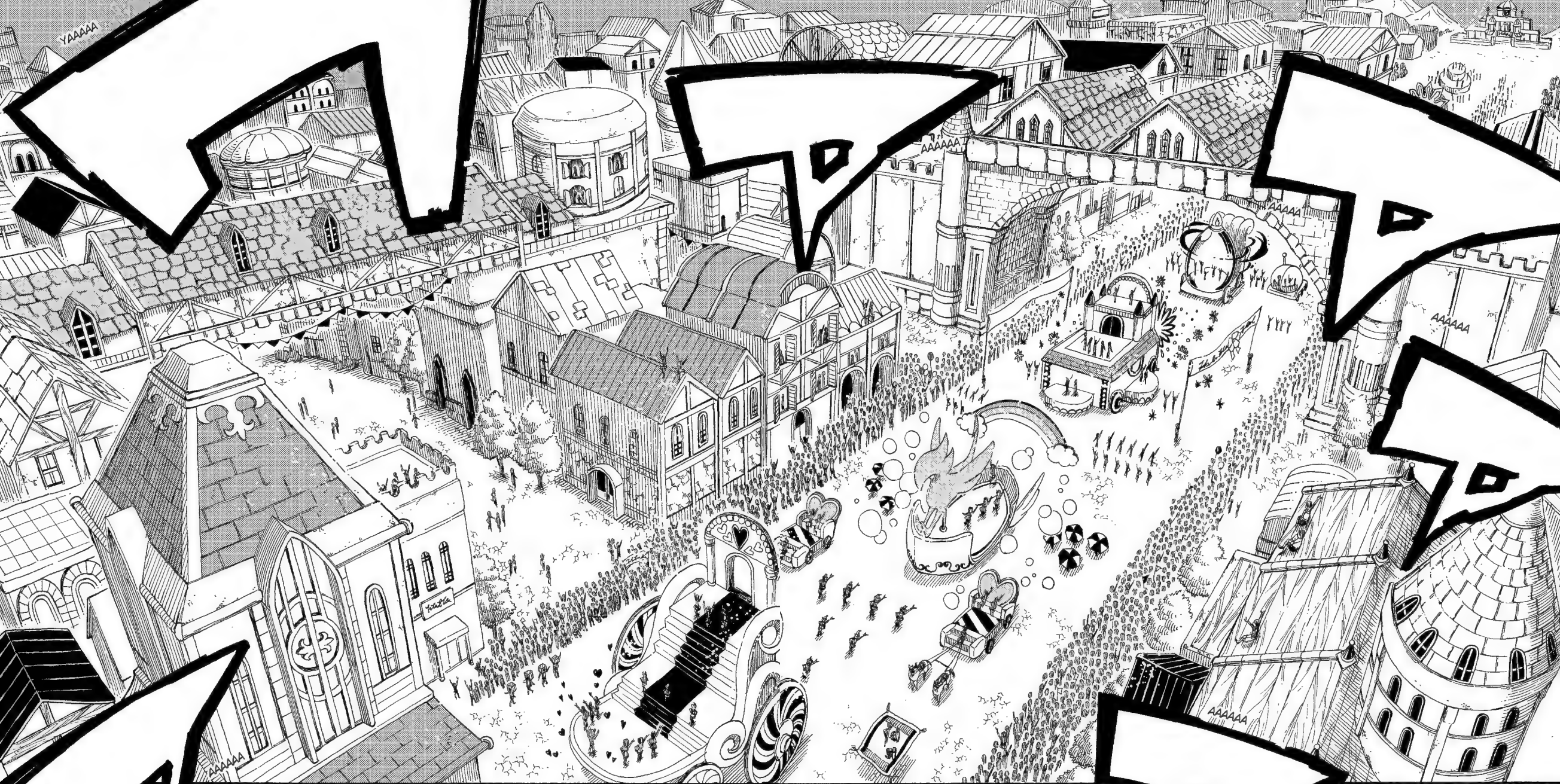
It ain't
that.

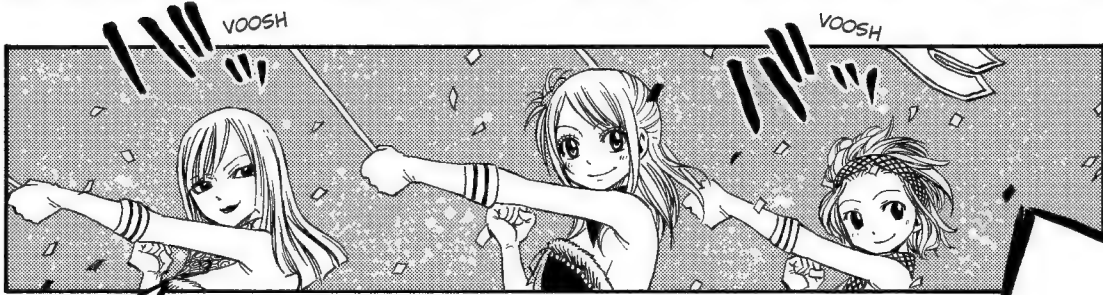
Why...?!
Why are
you taking
all the guilt
yourself?!

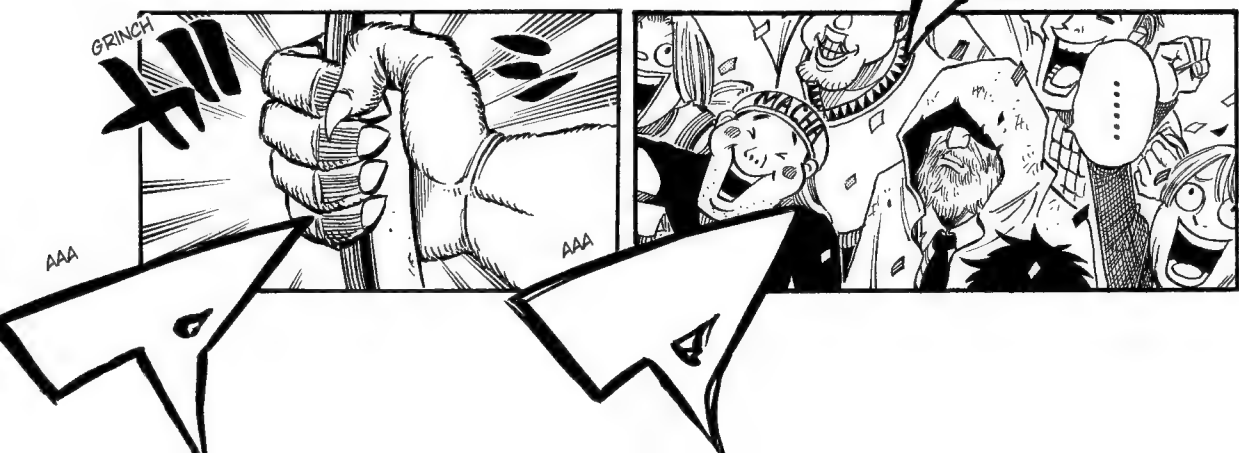
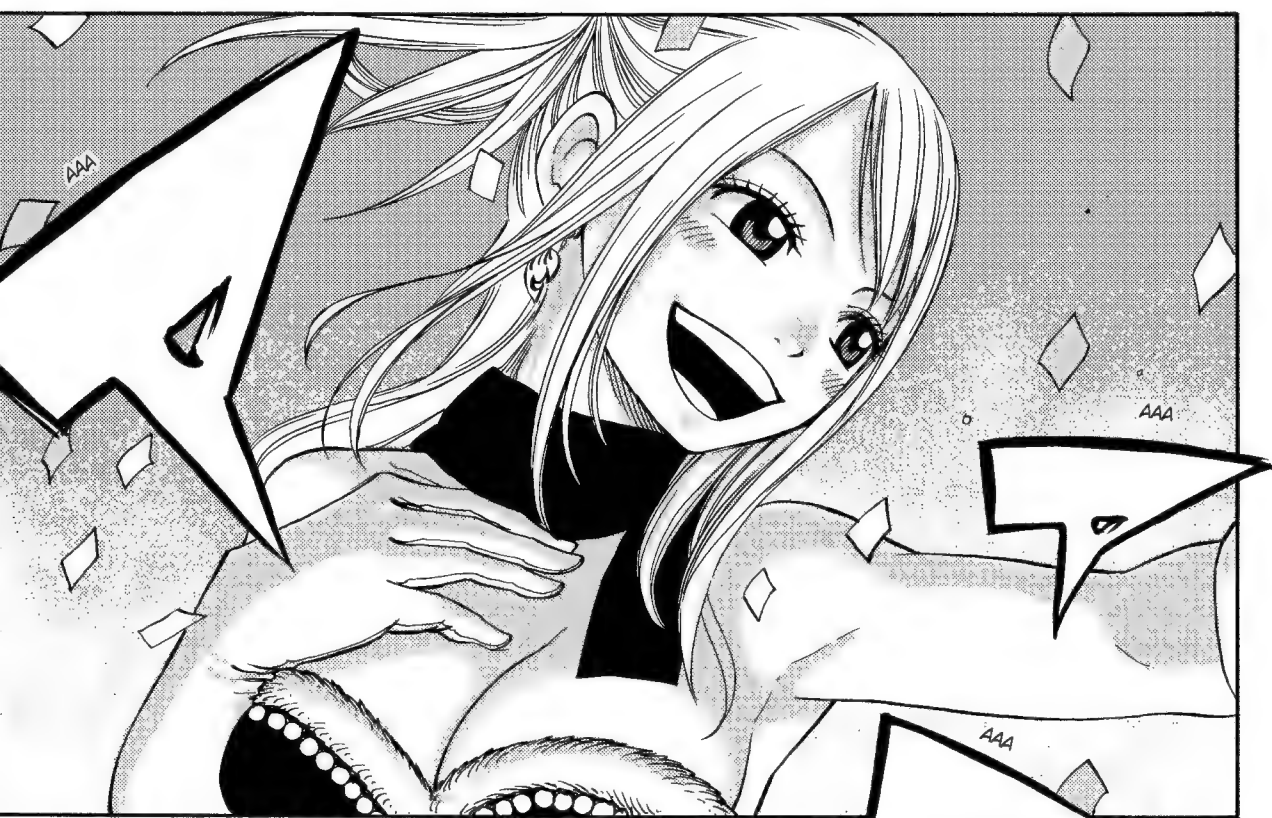
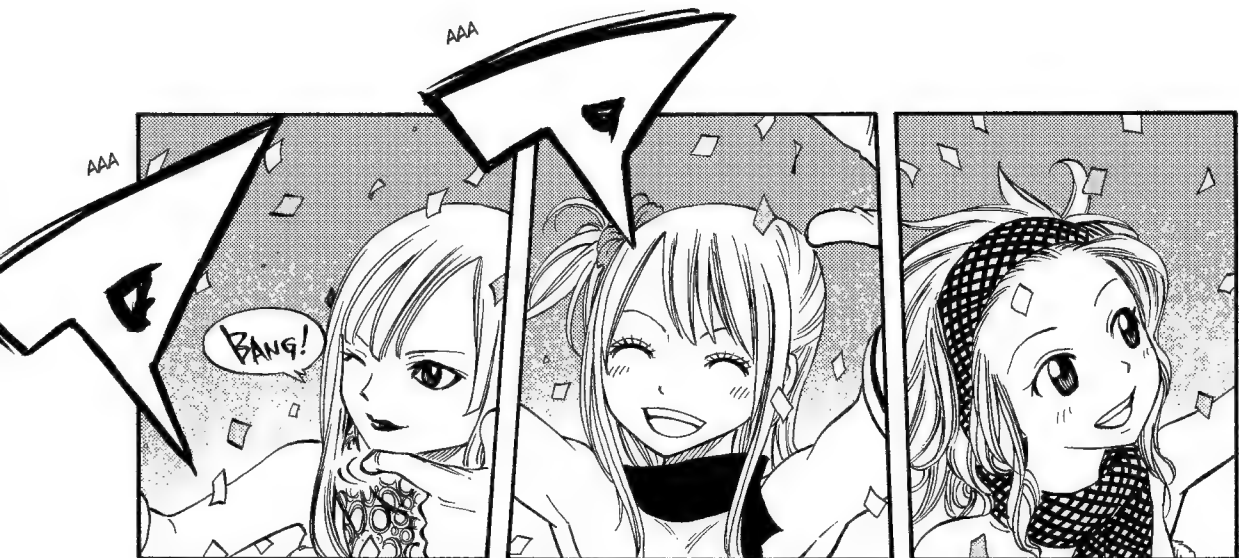


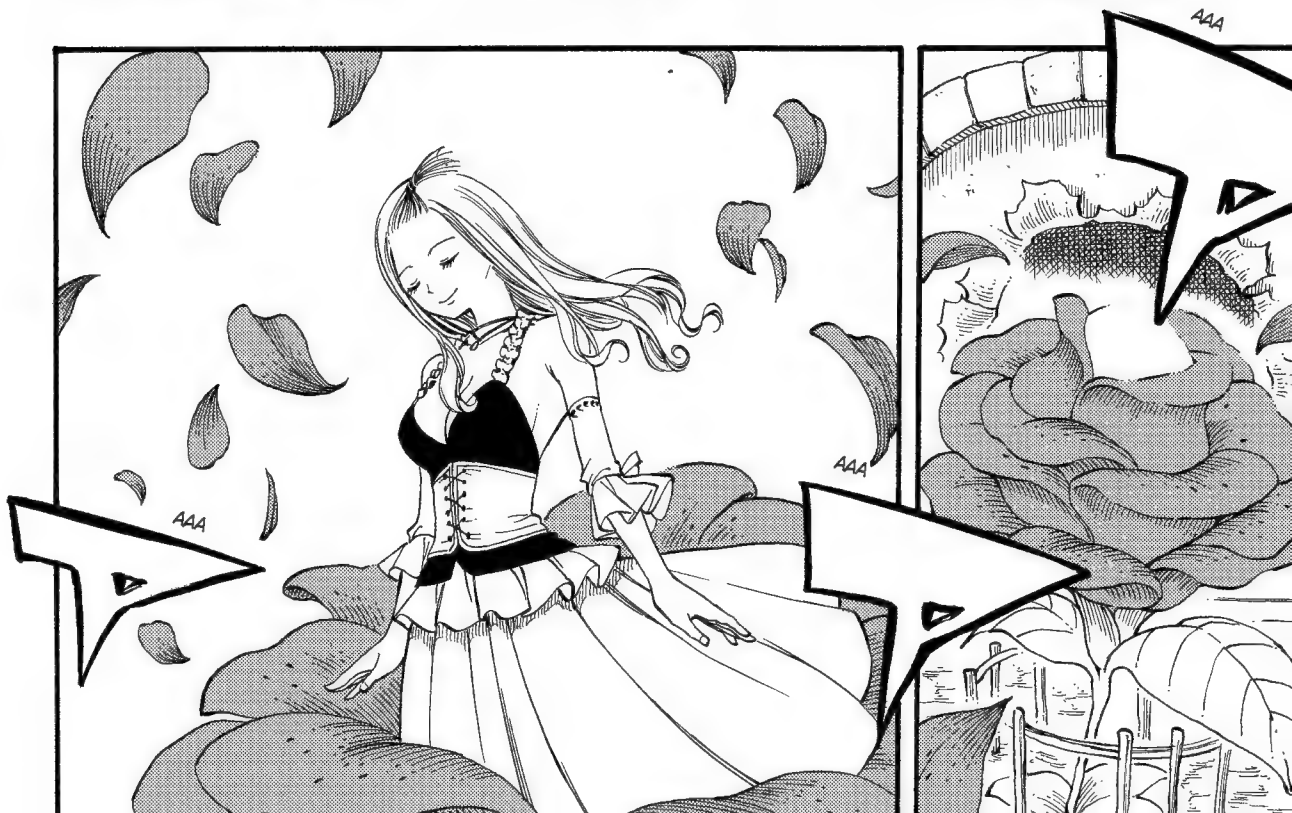


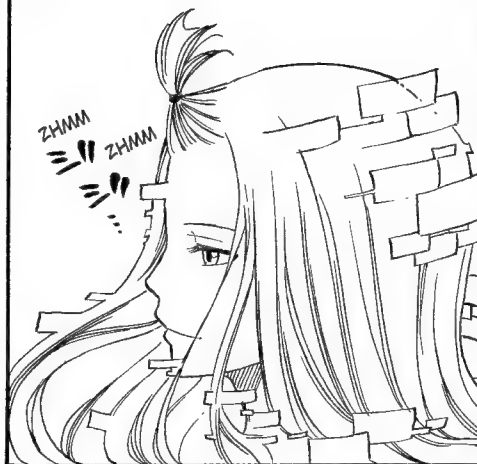


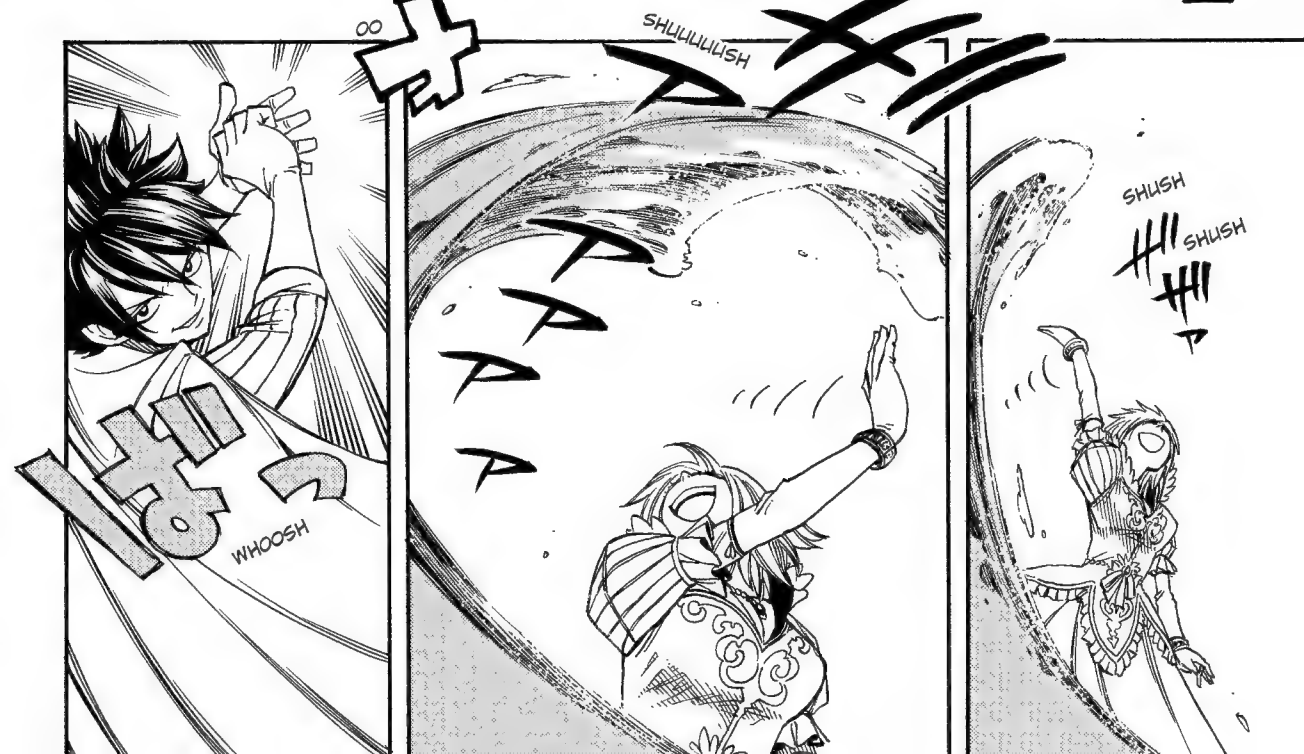


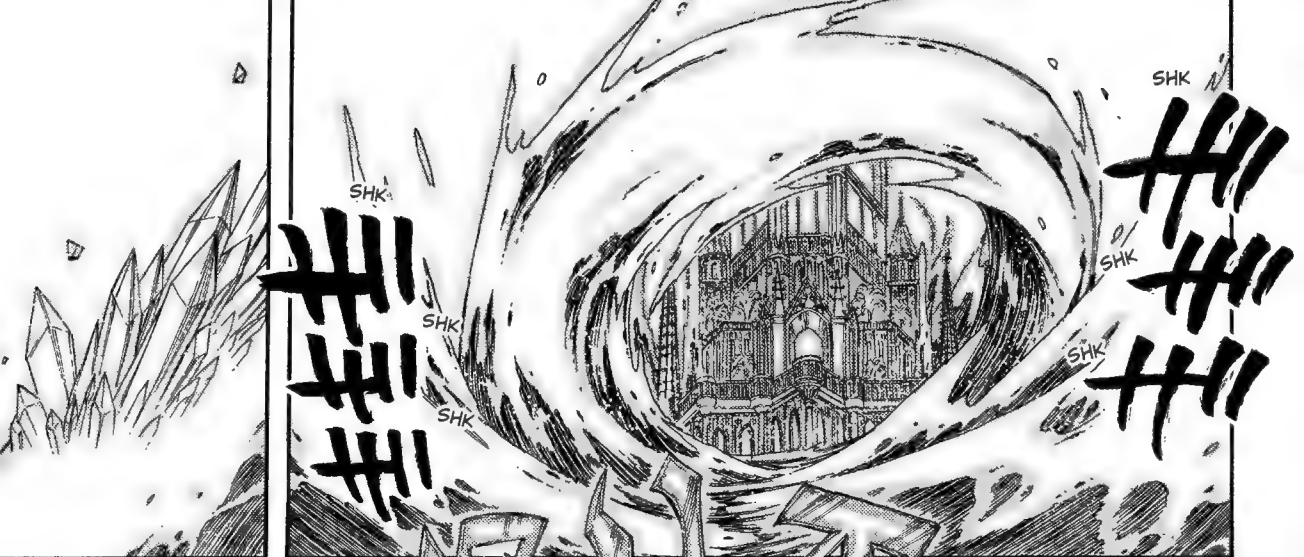


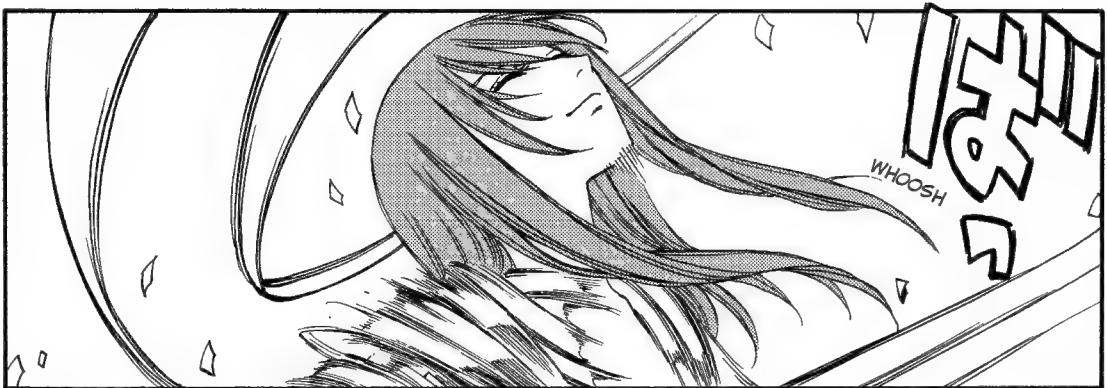






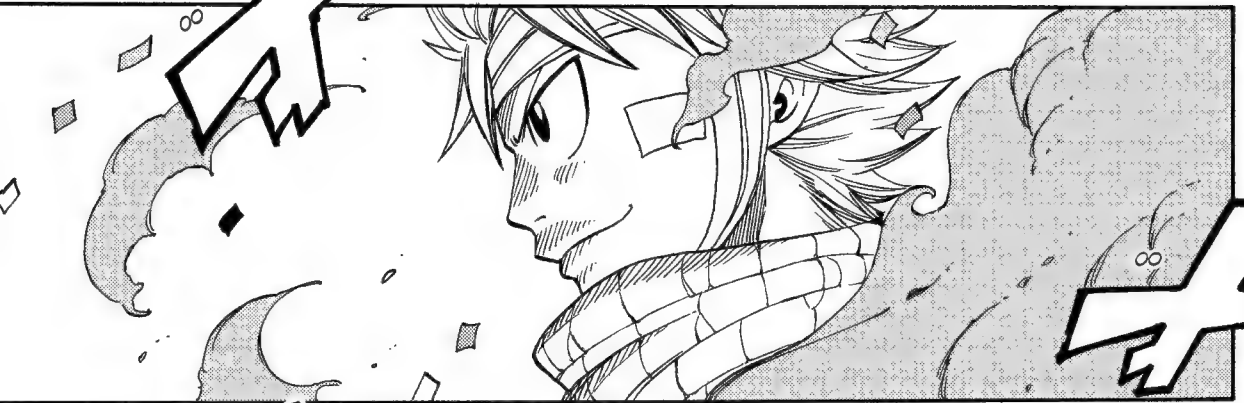
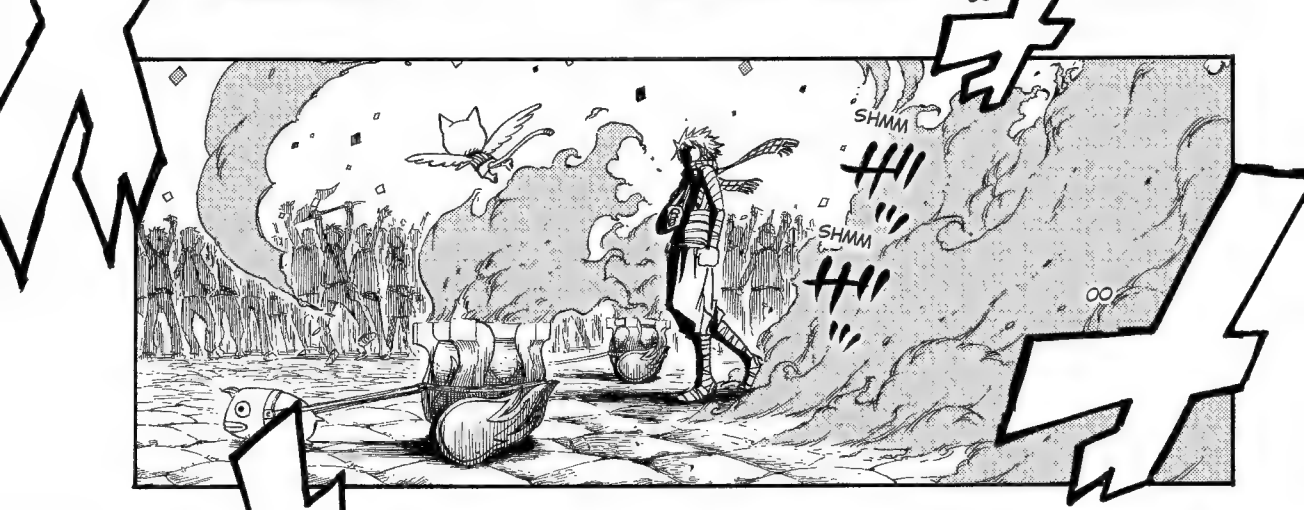
















And tell him to stop the creepy movements!

Don't you think that float's a bit gaudy?

Doesn't suit him at all!!



But will I be able to see you?

I'm going to watch your performance from the bleachers.

Who cares if you can or not?

Fantasia?

Aren't you going to be in it, Gramps?



What's that supposed to be?

It's a message !!



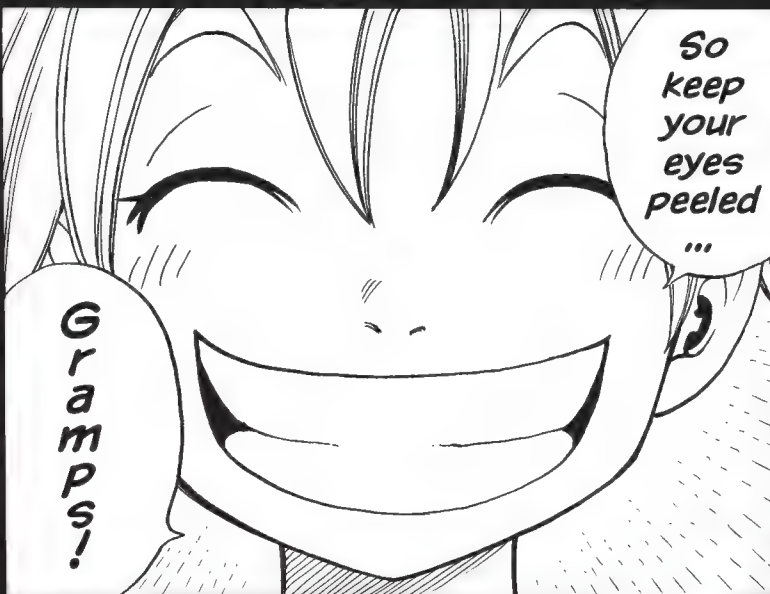
...I'll just do this!!!

Okay, then...right in the middle of the parade...



...it'll be proof that I'll always be looking out for you!

It'll mean that even if I can't see you then...



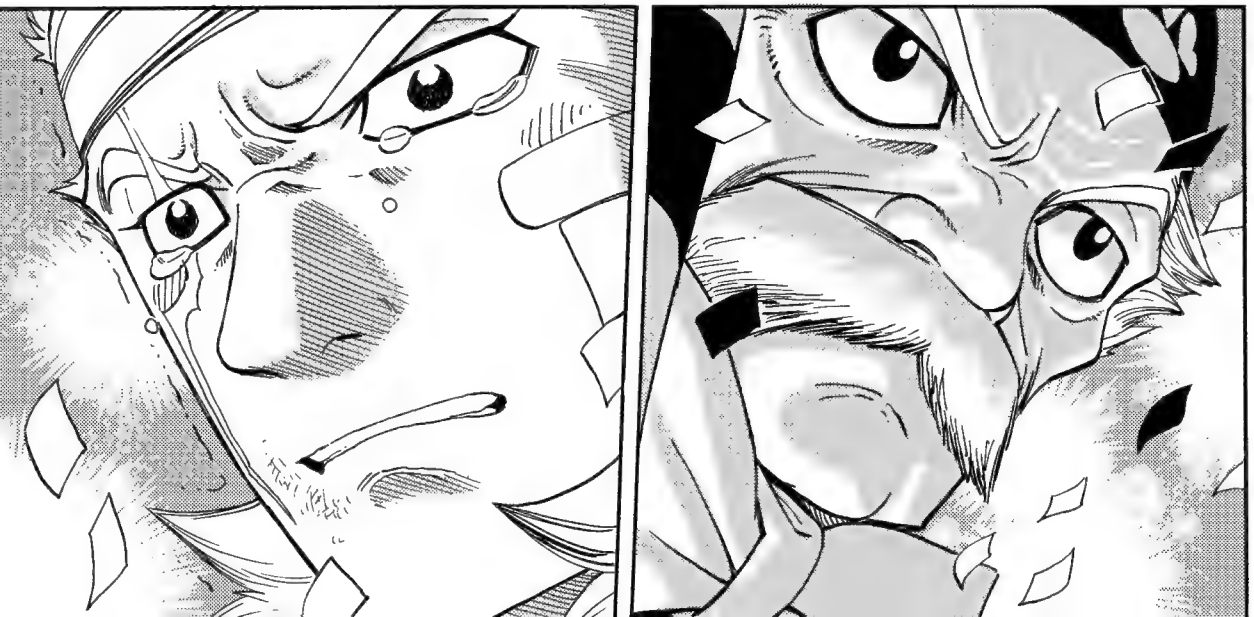
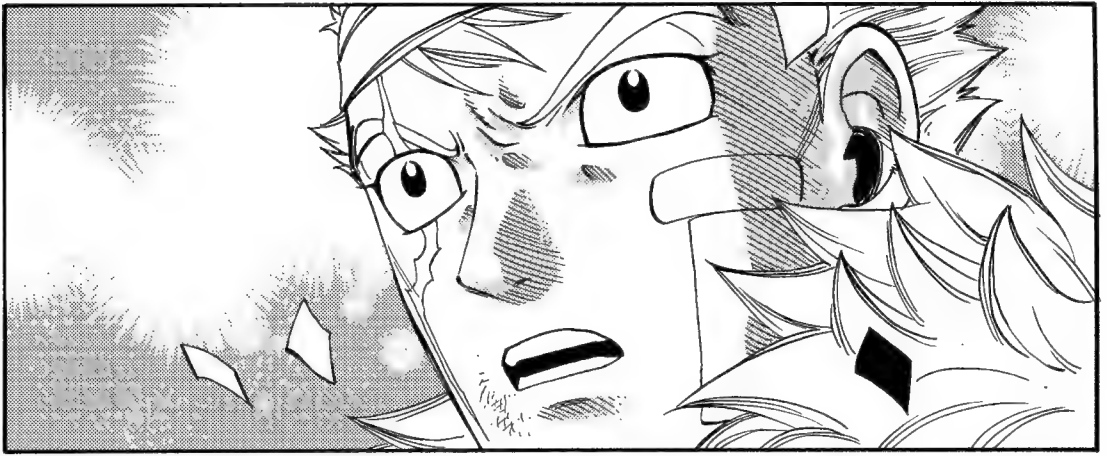
Gramps!

So keep your eyes peeled ...



Lexus...





Gramps...





It means
even if I
can't see
you...

AAA



Even if you
have gone
far, far
away...



...be
looking
out for
you.

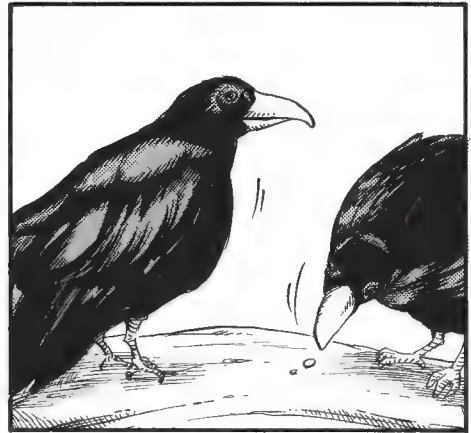
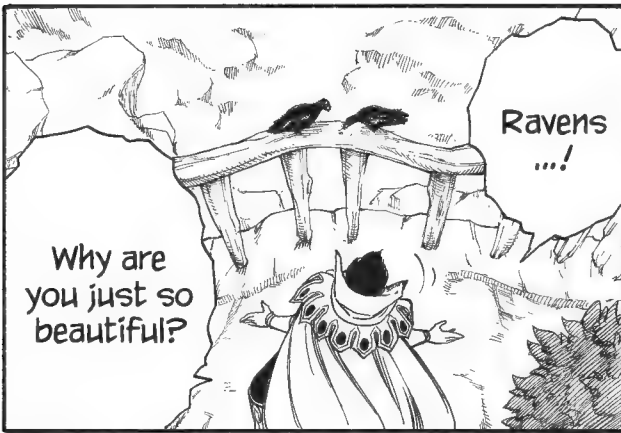
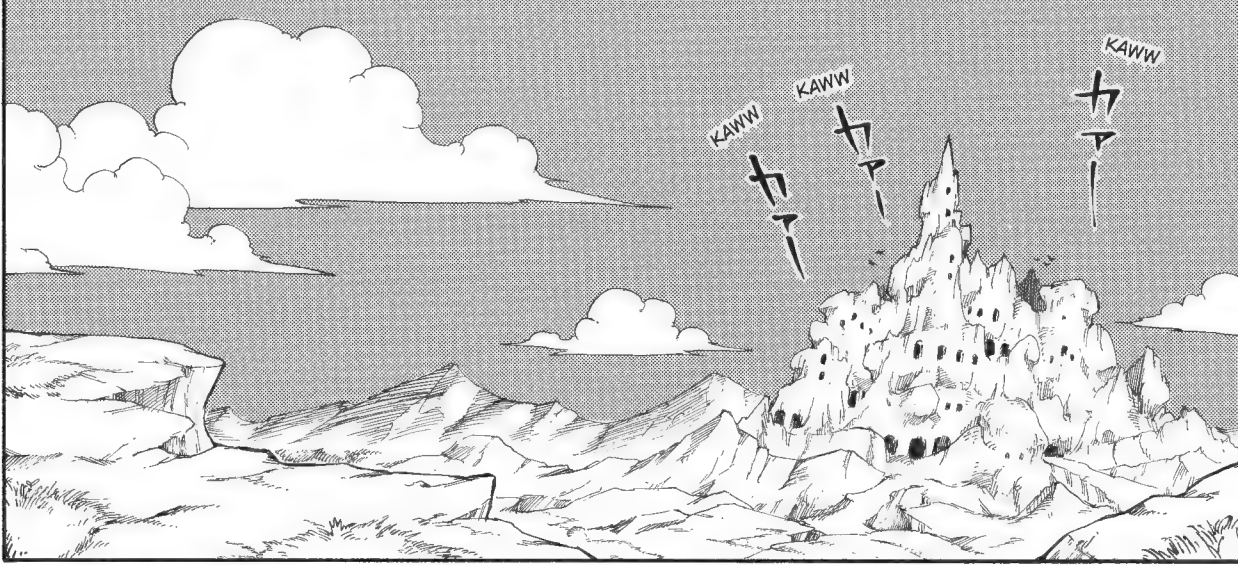
...I will
always...



Now and
forever,
I'll...

AAAA







The most beautiful are also the most short lived.



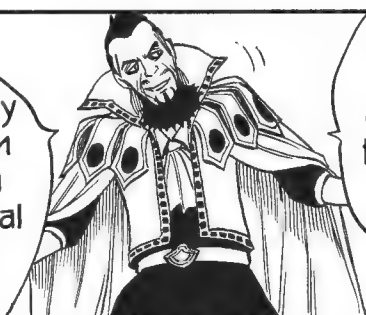


*My little
fake!*

*He's
just a
fake!*

SLURP

LAXUS'S FATHER
DARK GUILD RAVEN TAIL
MASTER IVAN



So I took pity
on the wretch
and buried a
lacrima crystal
in Laxus's
body.

He's had
a weak
constitu-
tion since
he was
little.




A
fake?



The
timing's
perfect!

Now
that he's
expelled,
he'll be
coming
here.



You don't
find *those*
every day!

What?! You
mean a
lacrima
crystal with
dragon
slayer
magic?!



If you
do that,
Lexus
will...

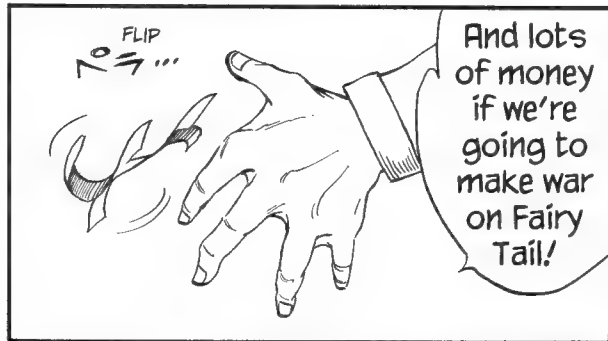
Y-You
plan to
dig it
out of
him?

Bwa ha ha ha!!!! It
was always too much
power for that brat to
handle! So his Daddy
will make him the boy
he used to be!



I just found
out how much
money I can
get for that
lacrima!

You won't
believe the
wad of cash
it's worth!



And lots
of money
if we're
going to
make war
on Fairy
Tail!



Sweet,
shiny
money!

What
I need
now is
money!



They'll
never
find
out!

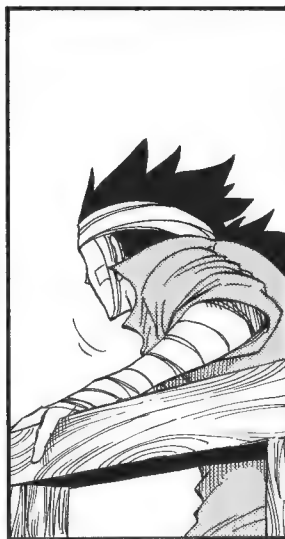
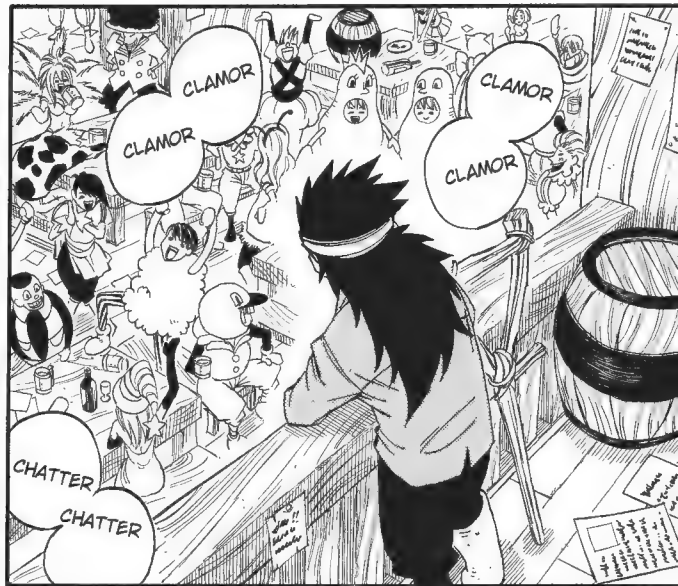
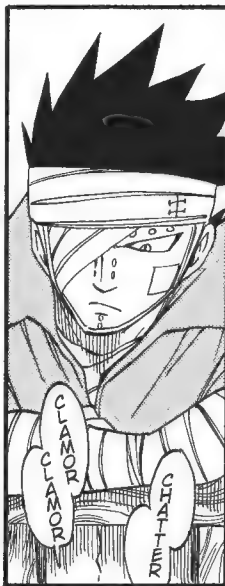
GEE
E-HEE!

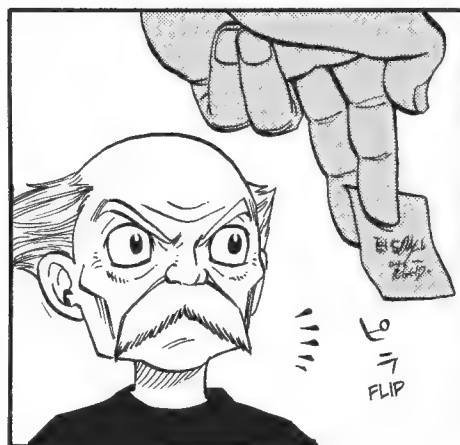


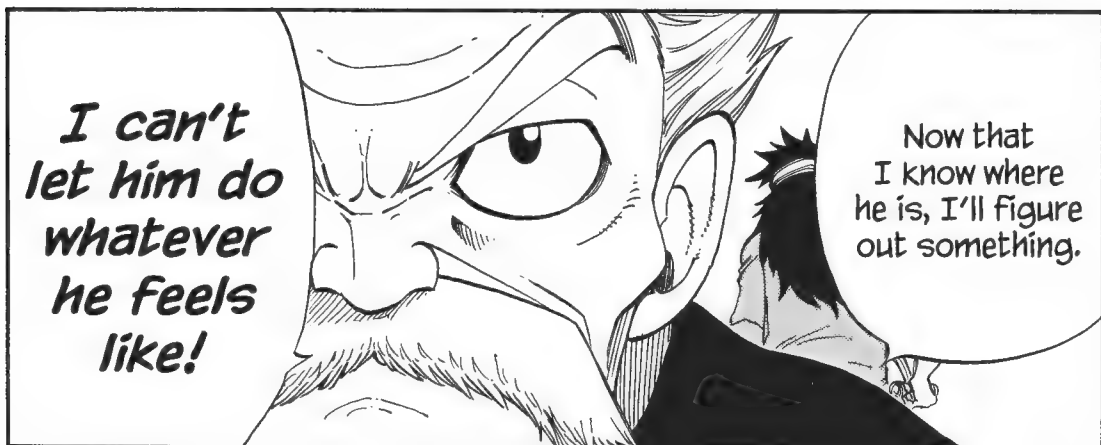
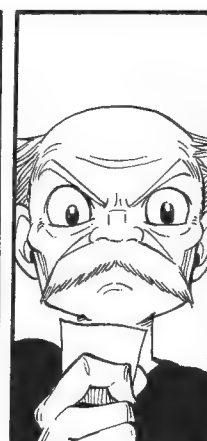
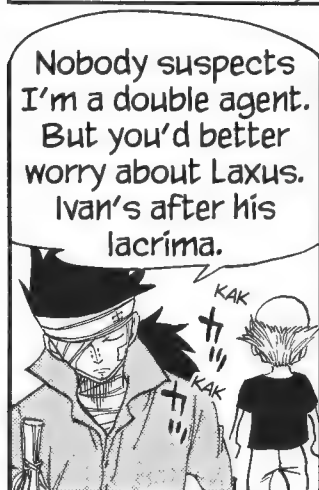
Got
it?!

You are
not to
leave it
even if
they find
out you're
a spy!

You're
going to
keep up your
infiltration of
that place!





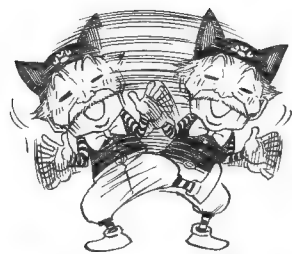


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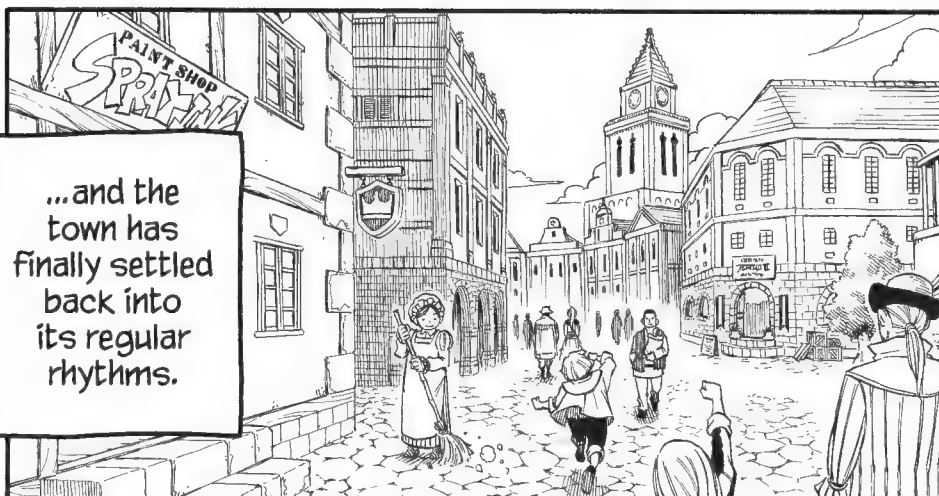
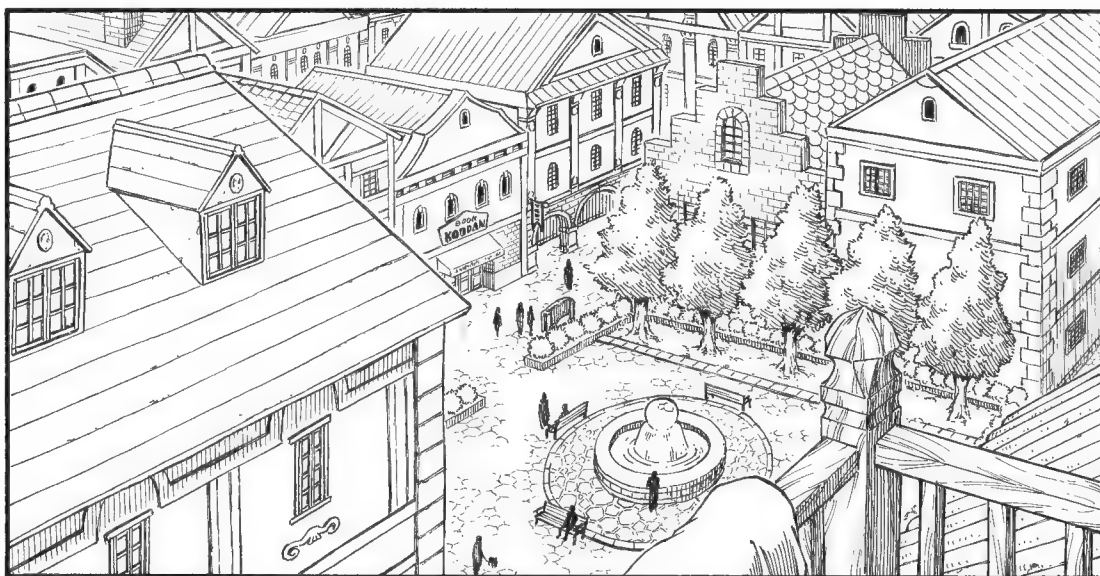
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Chapter 129: Even So, I...



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...and the town has finally settled back into its regular rhythms.

It's been a week since the harvest festival...



Until yesterday, Natsu kept on whining and moaning about it.

As I figured, the expulsion of Laxus...

...has hit everyone in different ways.



**Why'd
you have
to chase
Lexus
away?!!!**

**I just
don't
get it,
old man
!!!!**



**We may
fight,
but we're
still guild
mates,
right?**

**He's a
guild
mate,
right?**



**I want to
challenge
him again
!!!**

**Will you
be silent,
Natsu!**





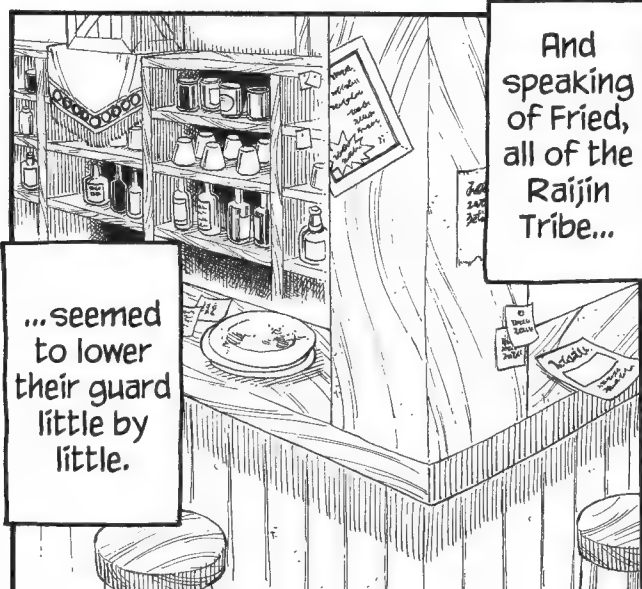
Even after everyone did their best to talk him out of it.

And the master's no better. He's talking like he's going to take responsibility for his grandson's actions and vacate the master's position.



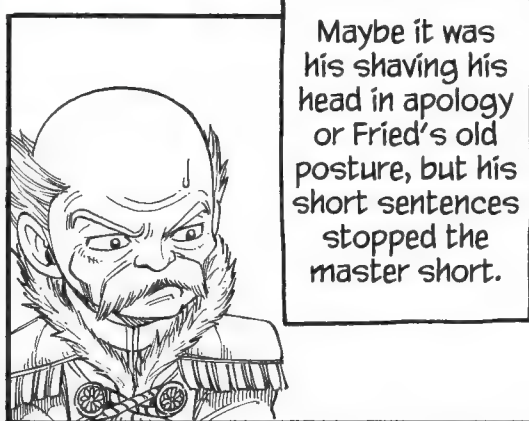
If Laxus were to find out the master quit because of him...

Please don't punish Laxus any more than you already have.

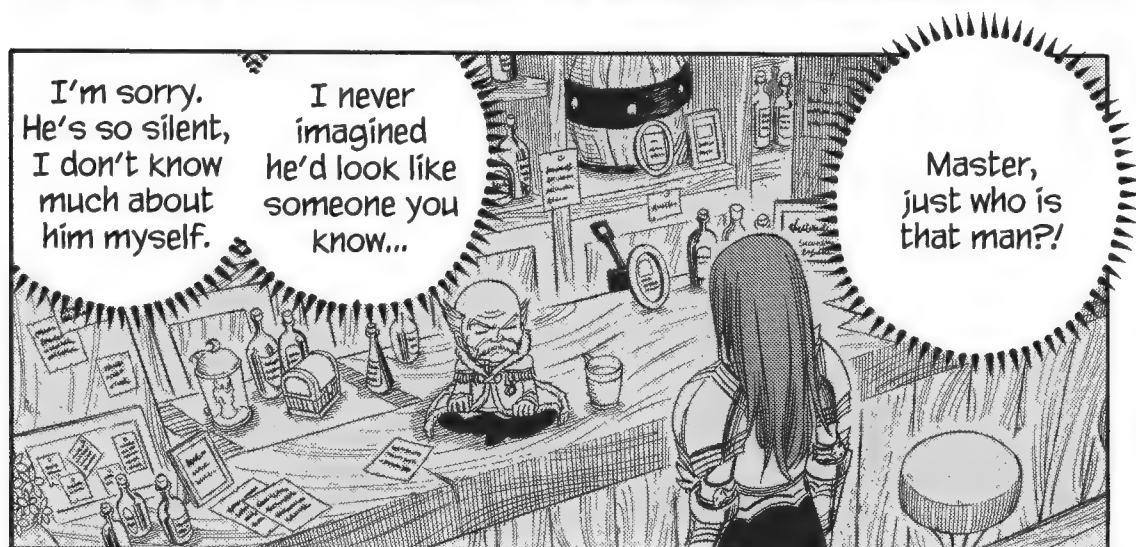
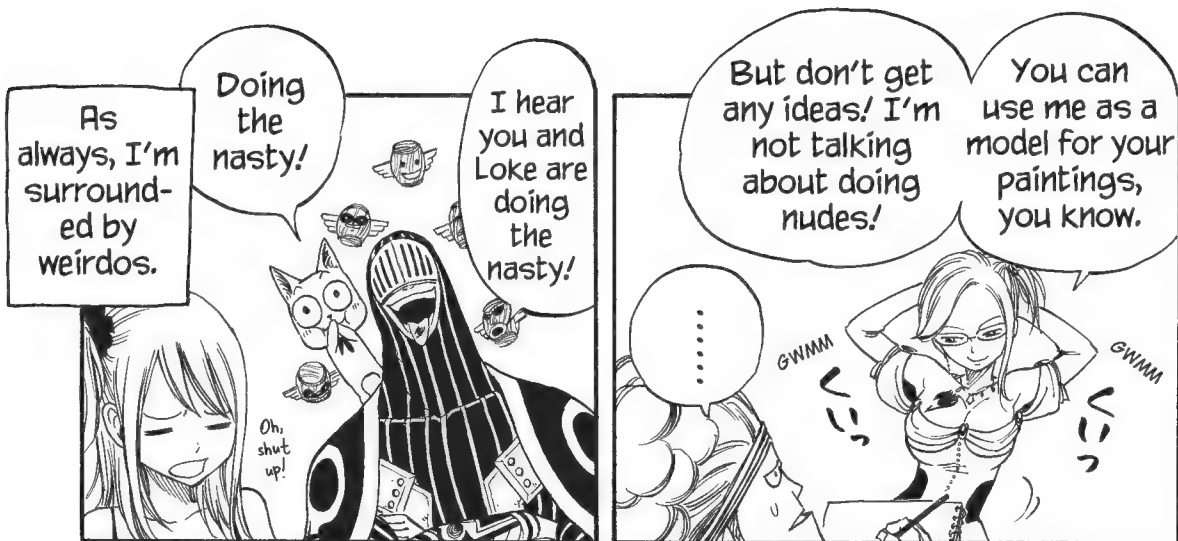


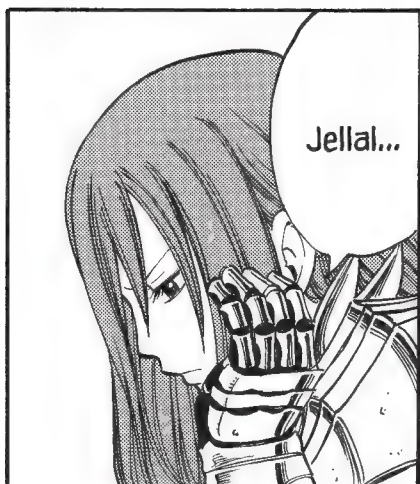
...seemed to lower their guard little by little.

And speaking of Fried, all of the Raijin Tribe...

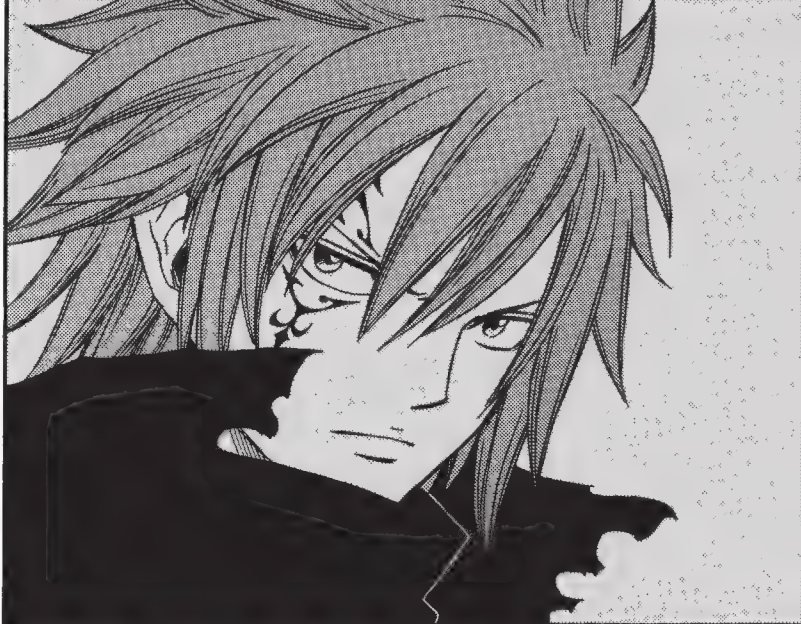


Maybe it was his shaving his head in apology or Fried's old posture, but his short sentences stopped the master short.





Jellal...



But I still had one more huge problem to deal with.

The result announcement of The Miss FAIRY TAIL CONTEST

And what with one thing and another, a week passed.

Lucy really made it up to second?!

I knew it!

Congrats to all!

Juvia got three.

The result
announcement
of
The Miss FAIRY TAIL
CONTEST

1... ERZA
2... LUCY
3... JUVIA

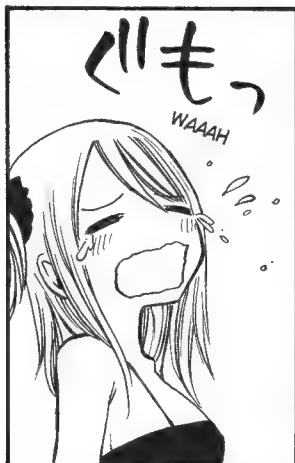
Ohhh !!!

Erza is the winner !!!

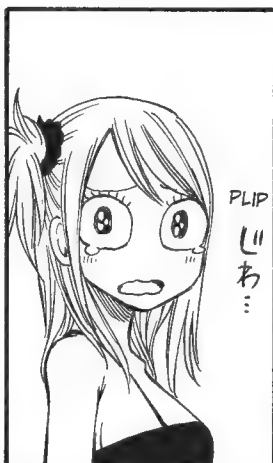
AAAAA!!!!



I didn't
get my
rent
money
!!!!



わん
WAAAH

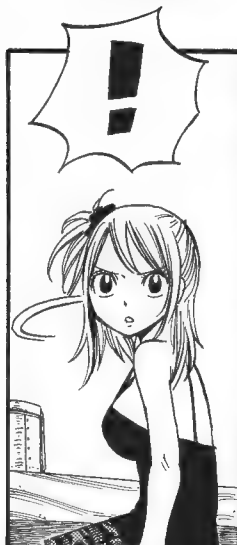


PLIP
しあ...



Want to
go out on
a job?

What'll I do
about this
month's
rent?



!

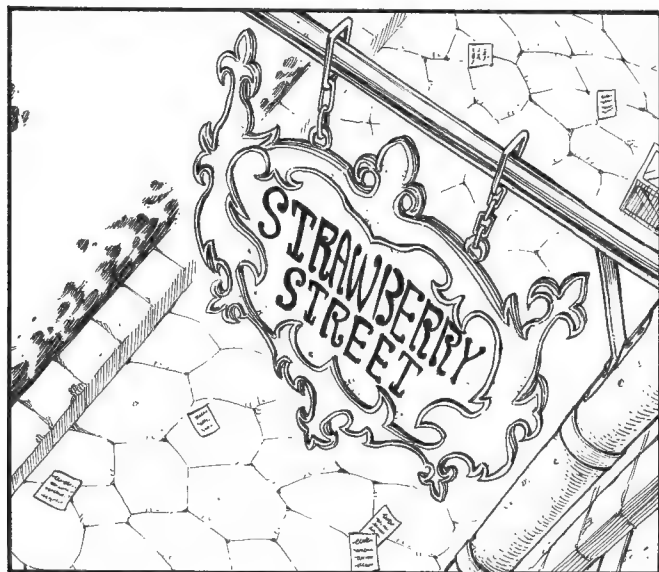
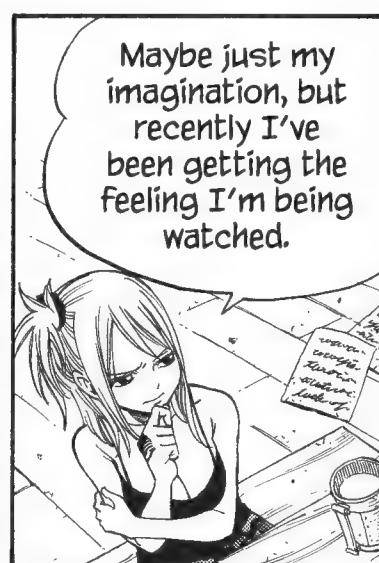
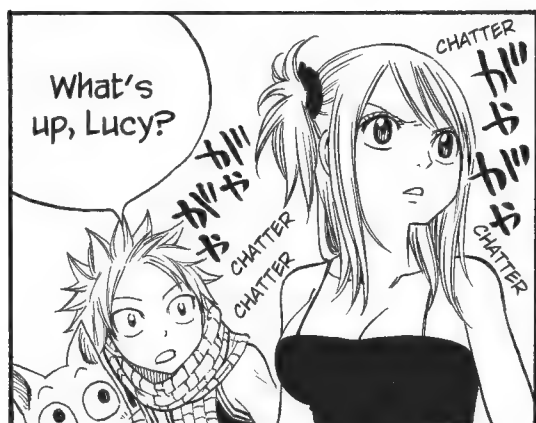


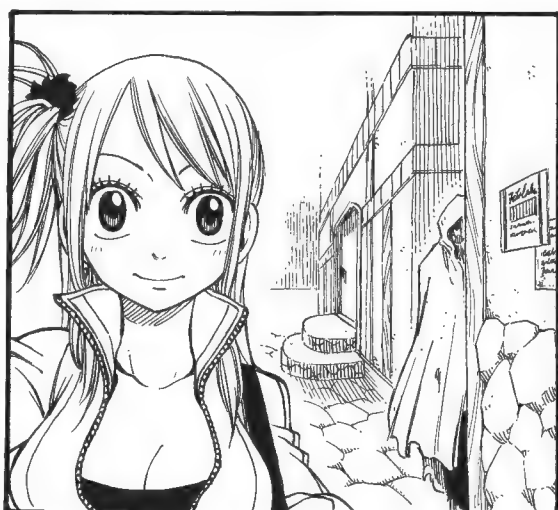
No... He's
always doing
work. Little
by little.

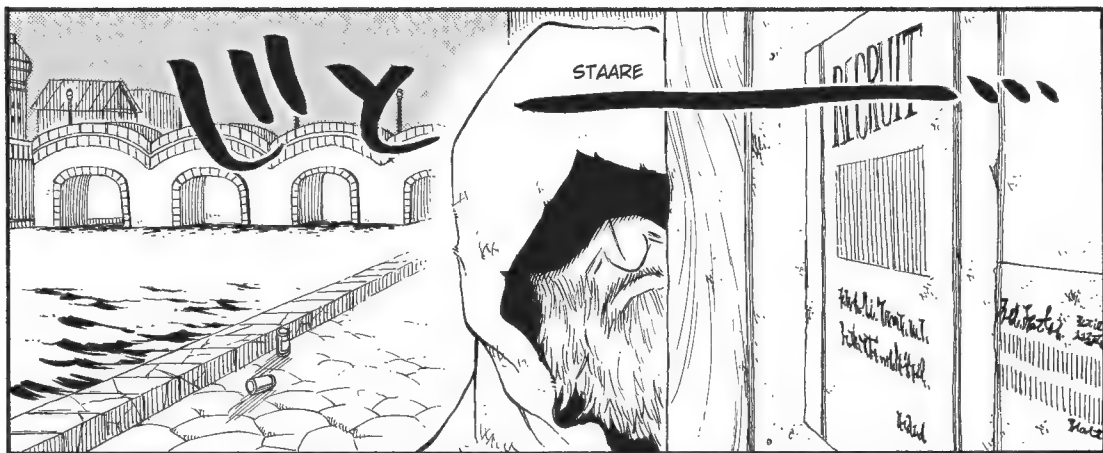
Aye!

WAAH!
Thank
you!!

So you're
finally up
for some
work!

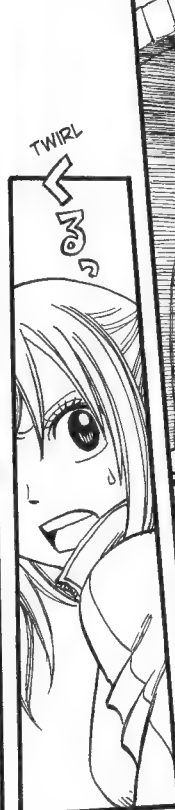








He's gone!



TWIRL



He might be a stalker or a pervert or a kidnapper!!!



SHIVER

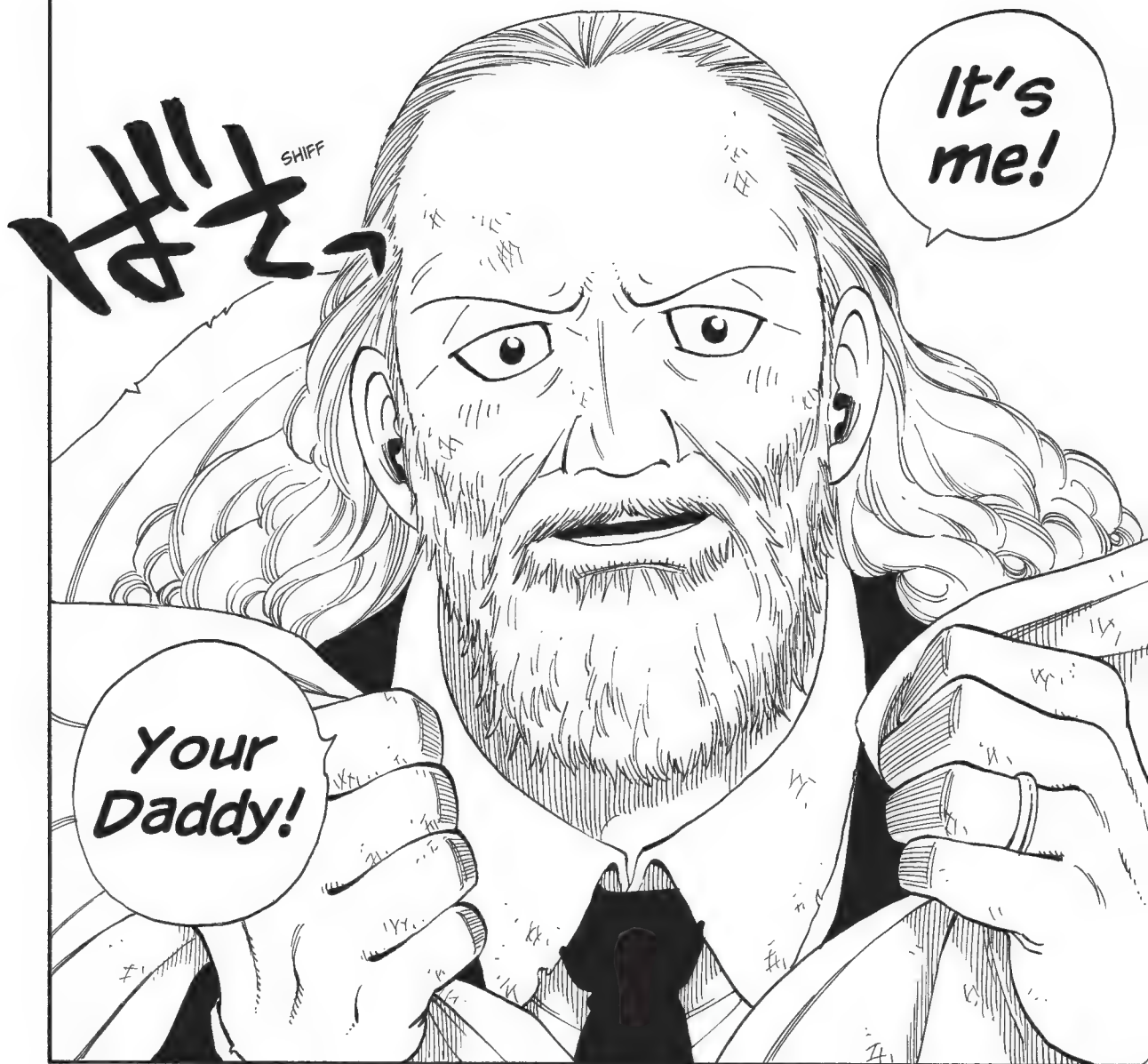


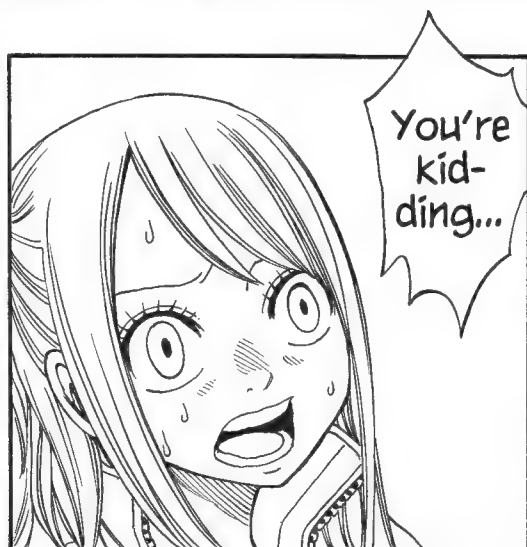
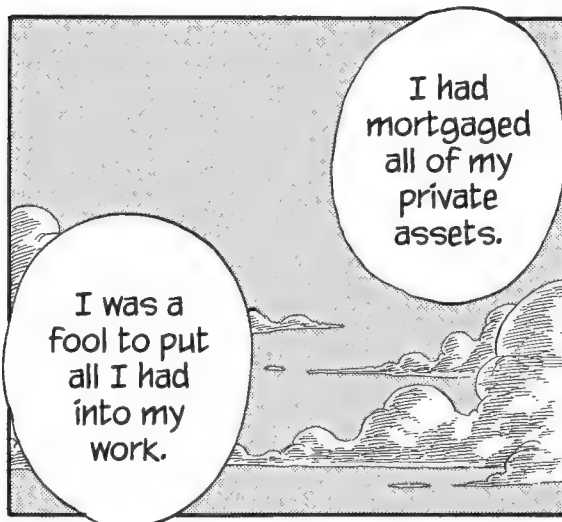
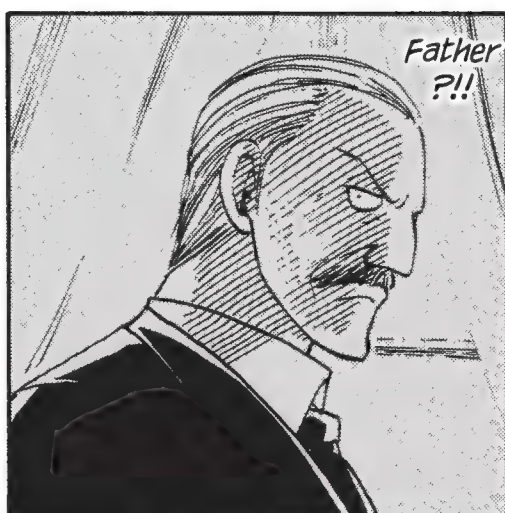
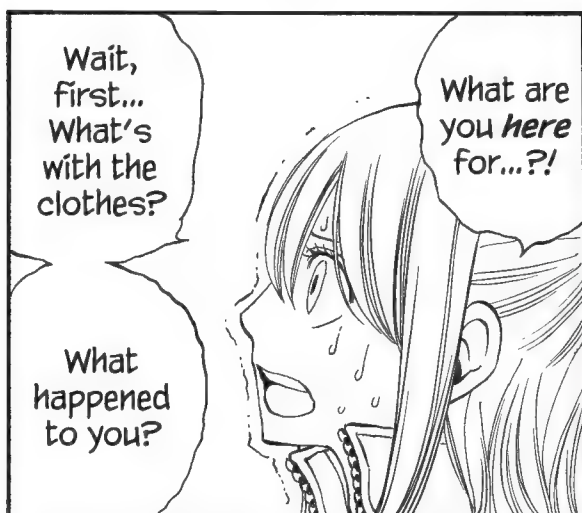
He's gone!

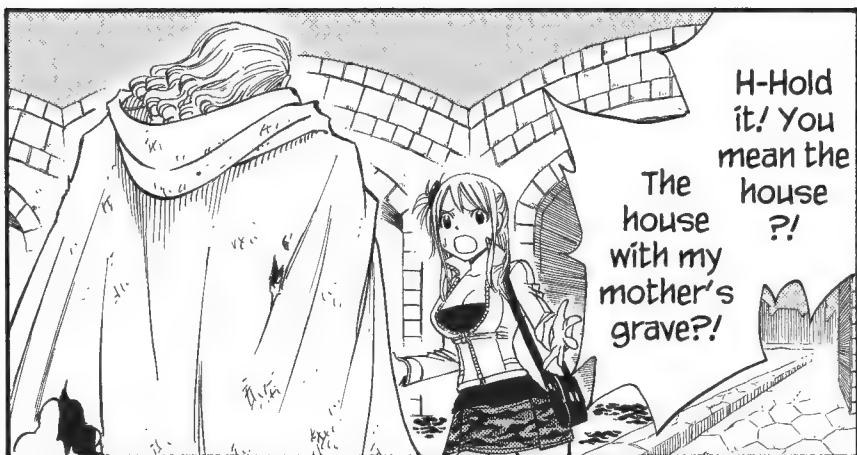
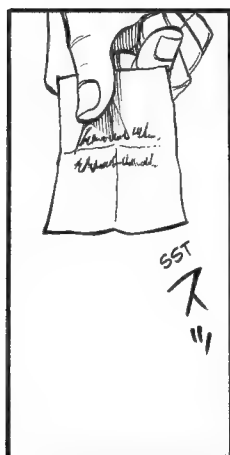


Stay away !!!!

YAAAAAH !!!!







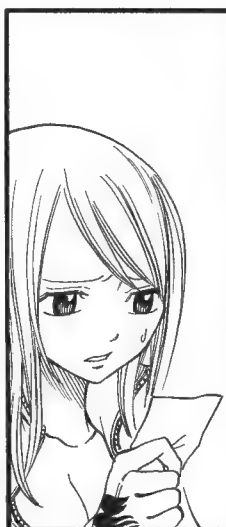
H-Hold it! You mean the house?!

The house with my mother's grave?!

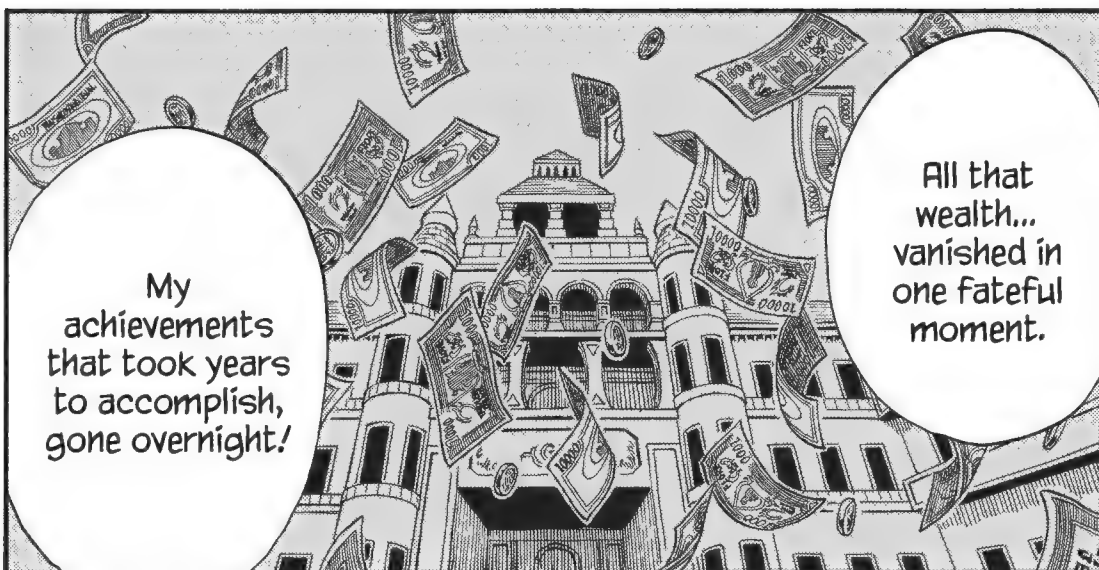


I know I'd cry...

...if it wasn't so laugh-able.

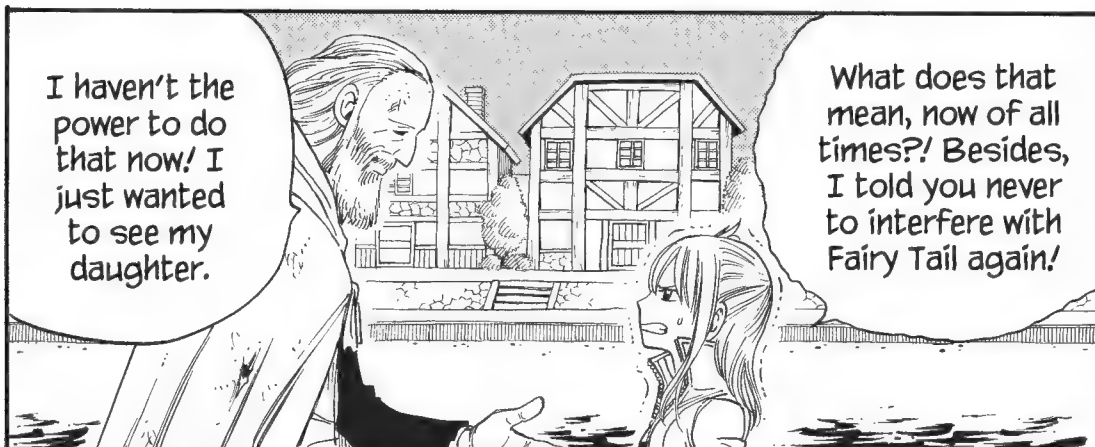
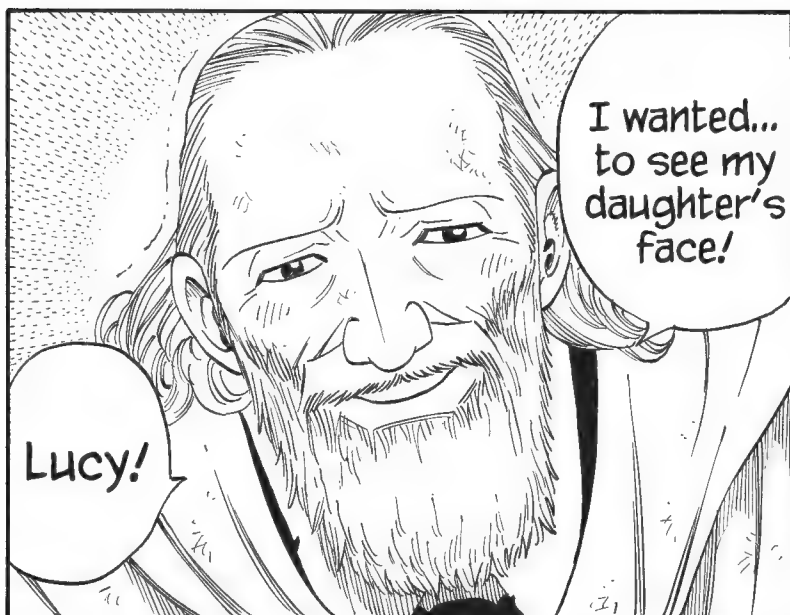
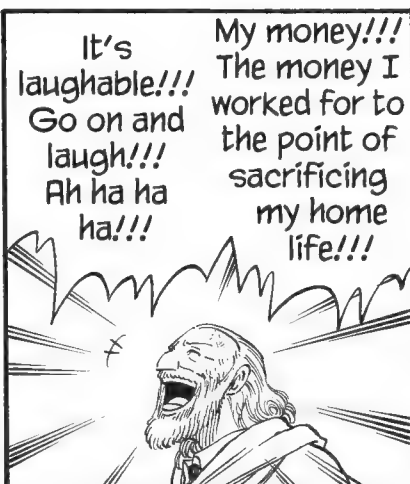


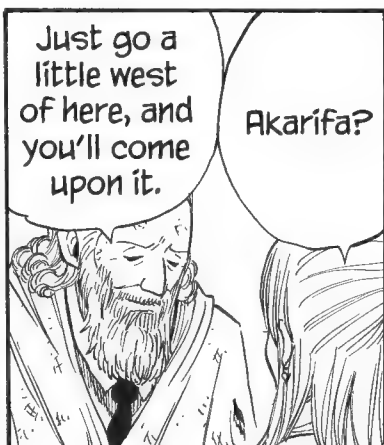
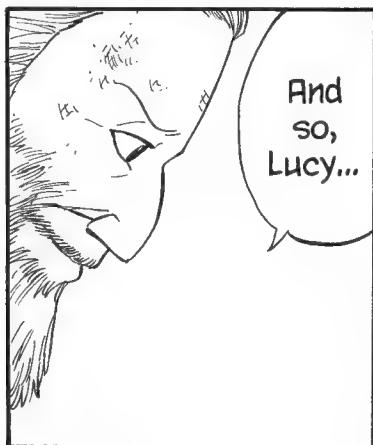
It's been moved to here.

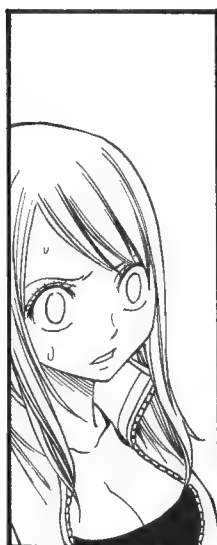


My achievements that took years to accomplish, gone overnight!

All that wealth... vanished in one fateful moment.









**So do
your
duty
and
hand
it over
!!!!**

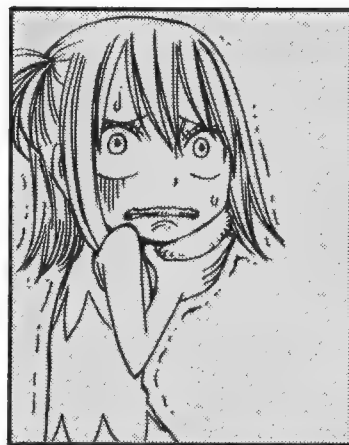
**Money!!!!
Here I am
swallowing my
pride and
asking nicely!!!
I'm lowering
myself to
this!!!!**

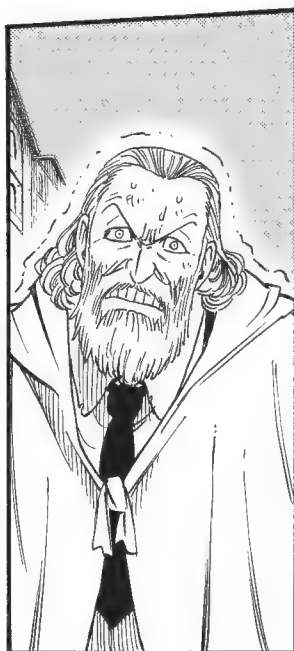
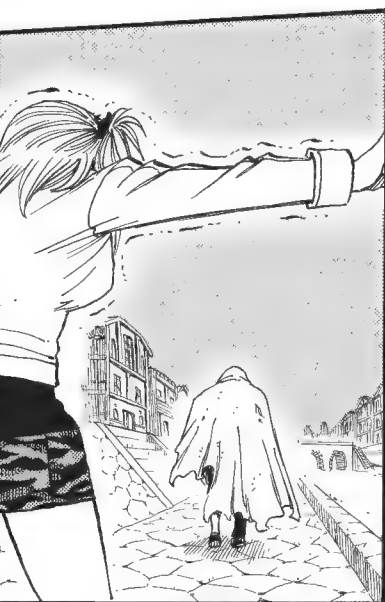


**You un-
grateful
little...
Do as
you're
told...**



I have no
idea...what
you're talking
about.

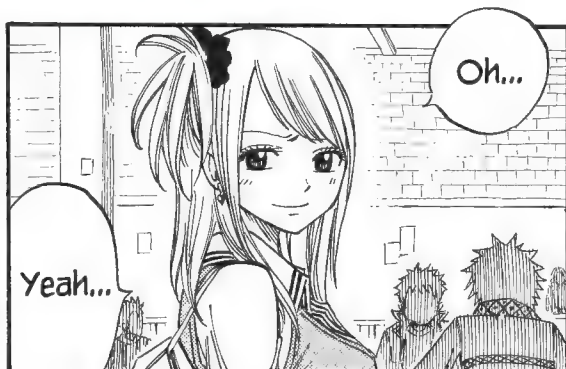






*He's the
worst!*

*Abso-
lutely
the
worst!*







Father...



"I'm going to join the Enterprise Guild in Akarifa."



You're kidding!! Then not even the army could face 'em!

No... it ain't a gang. it's the dark guild, Naked Mummy.



Aye!

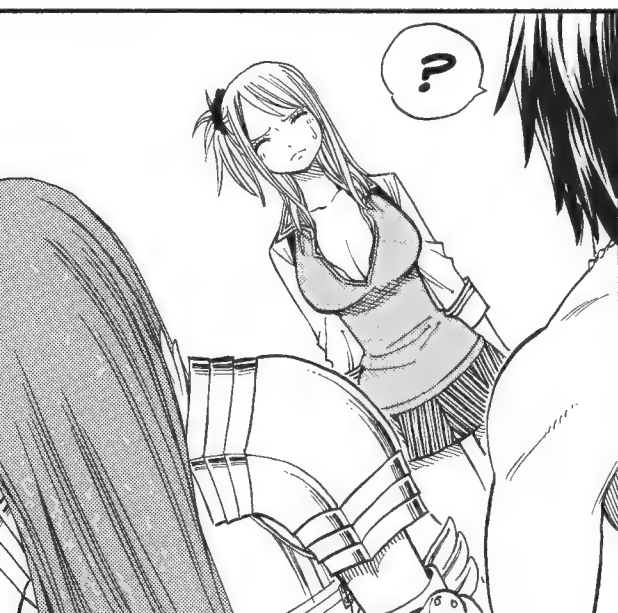
He's going to resist, so let's blast him!!

Not "take down." Capture.

What's wrong, Lucy?! We gotta hurry and take down Velveno!

Gray, your clothes!

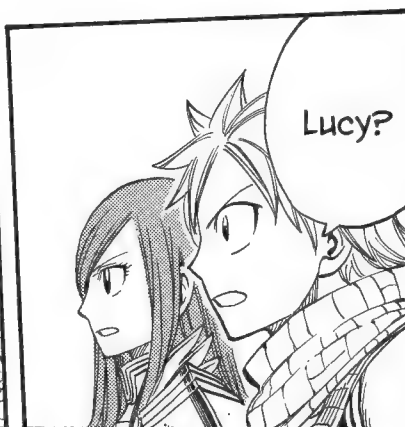
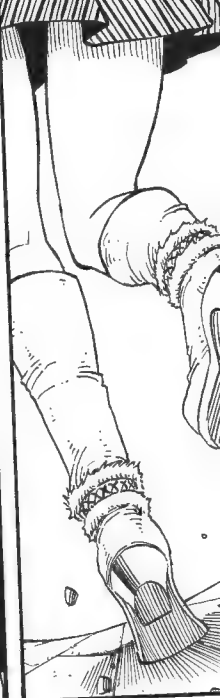
SHUM



He and I are nothing to each other now...

I don't care what happens... to a creep like him...



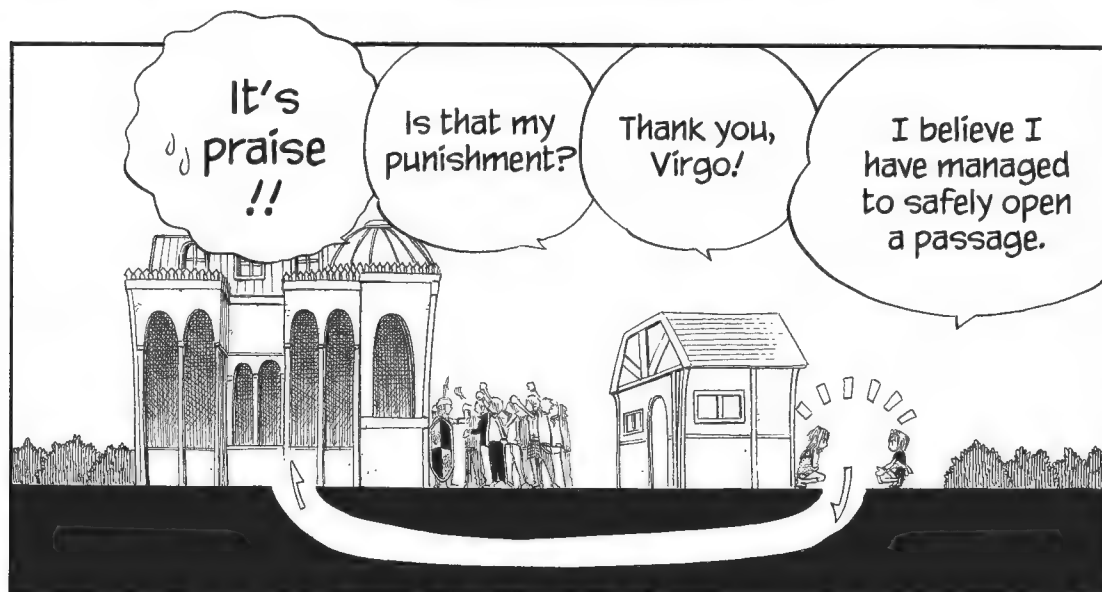
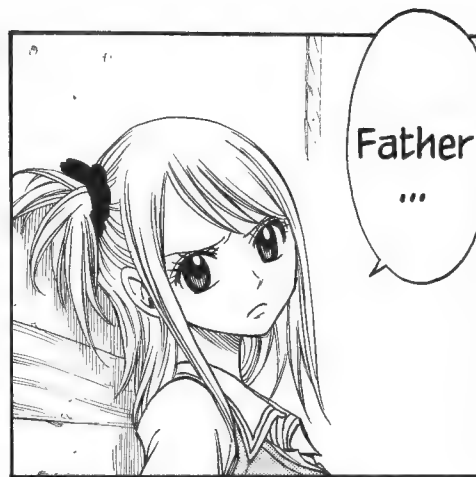


FAIRY TAIL

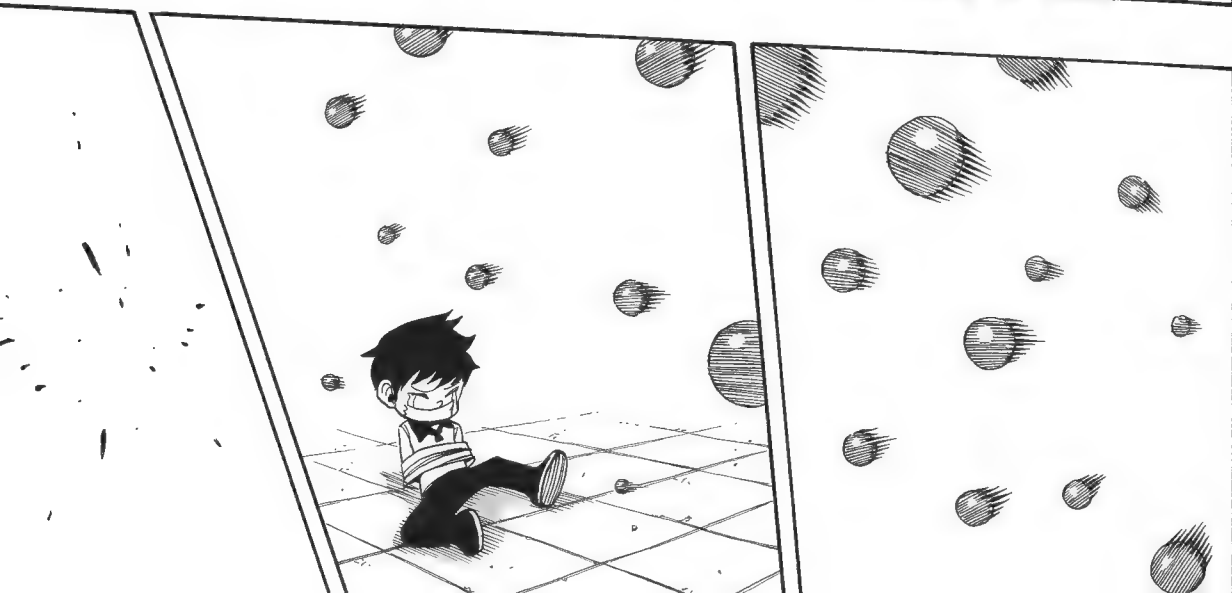
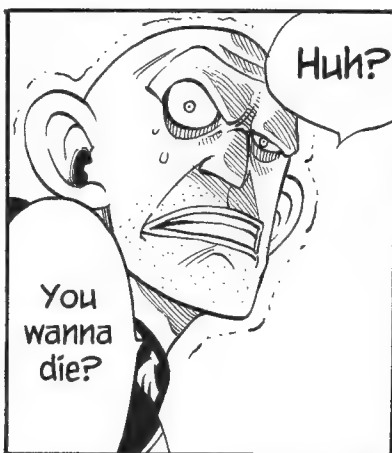
フェアリーテイル

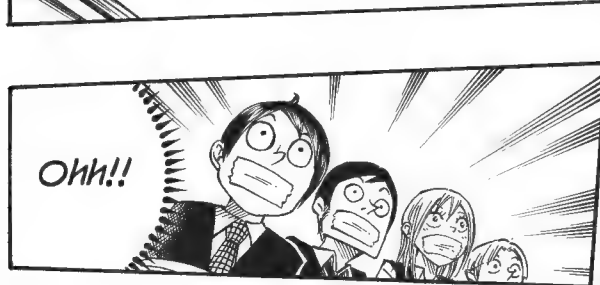


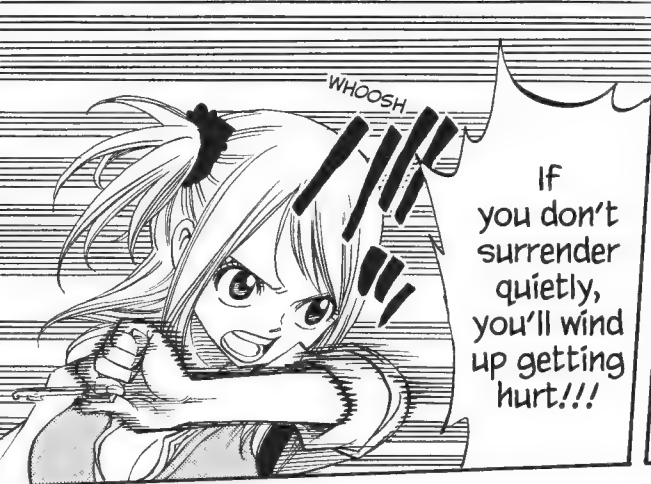
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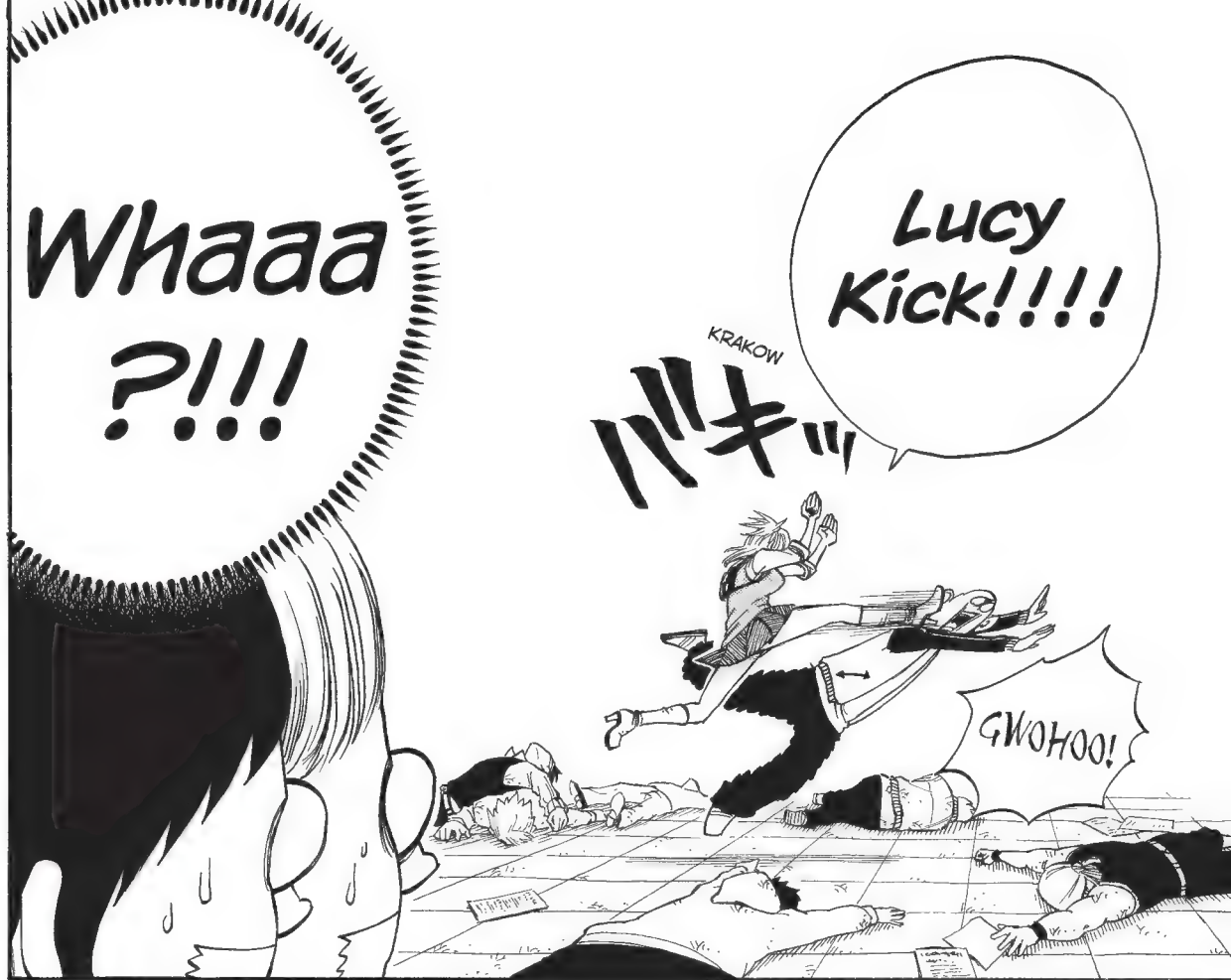


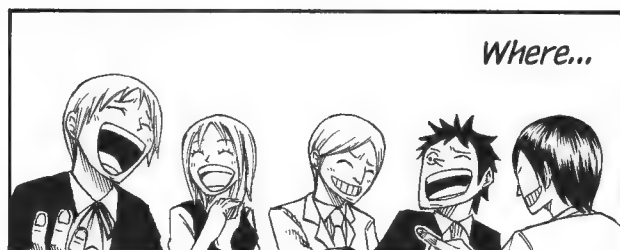
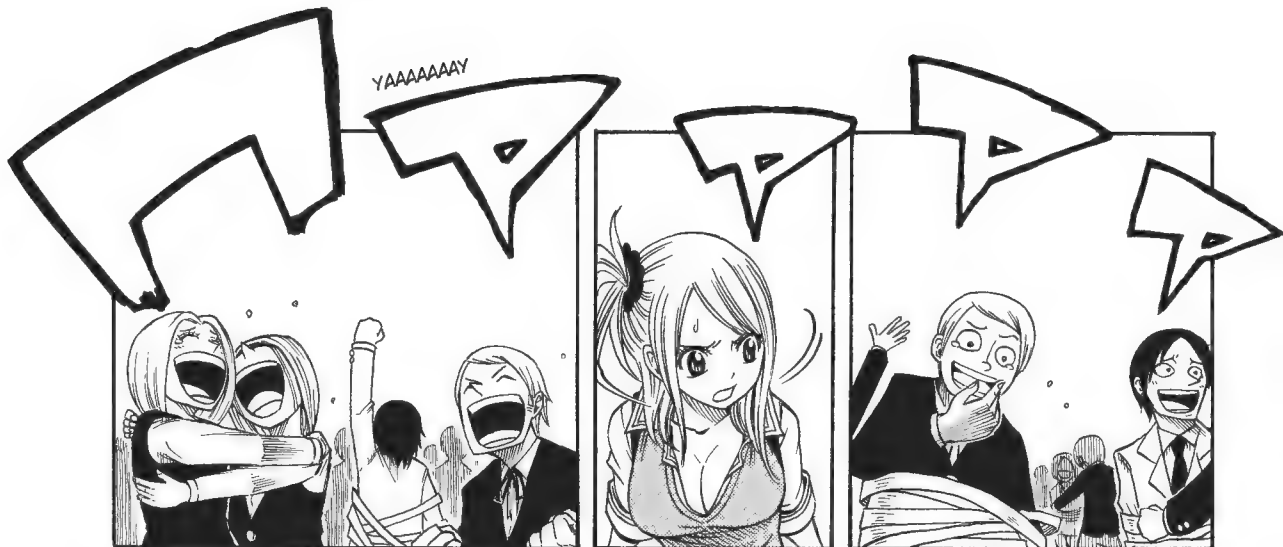


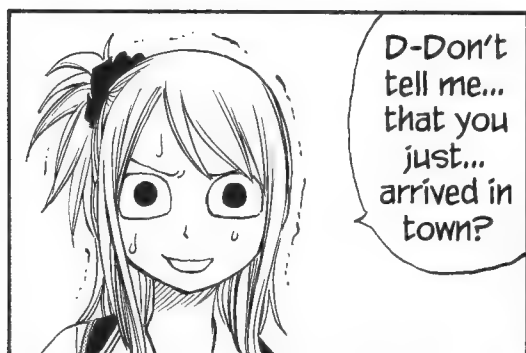
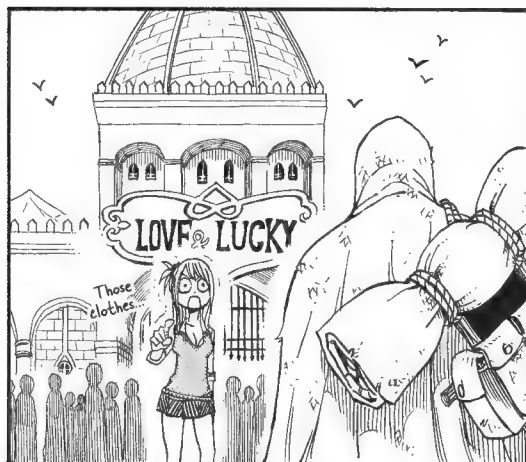
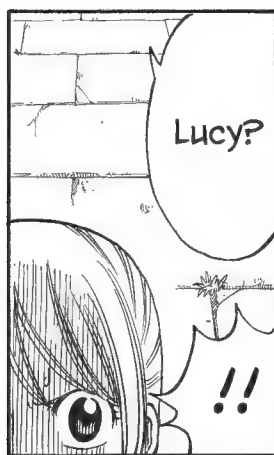


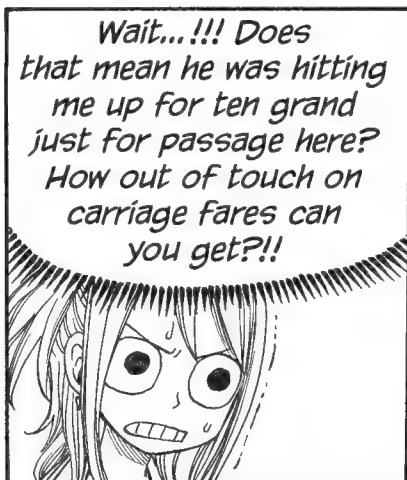














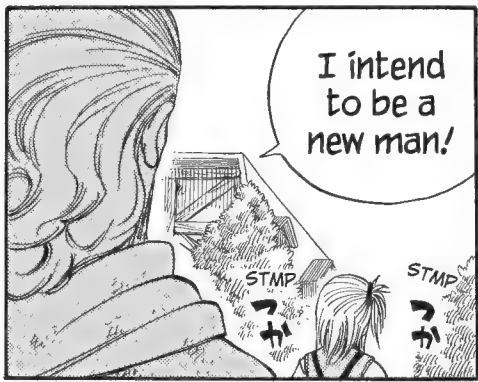
You've traveled a very long road to get here, hm?

I've had some time to think things over also.



I suppose that's only natural.

Yes...



I intend to be a new man!



I regret it. it's an embarrassing moment...

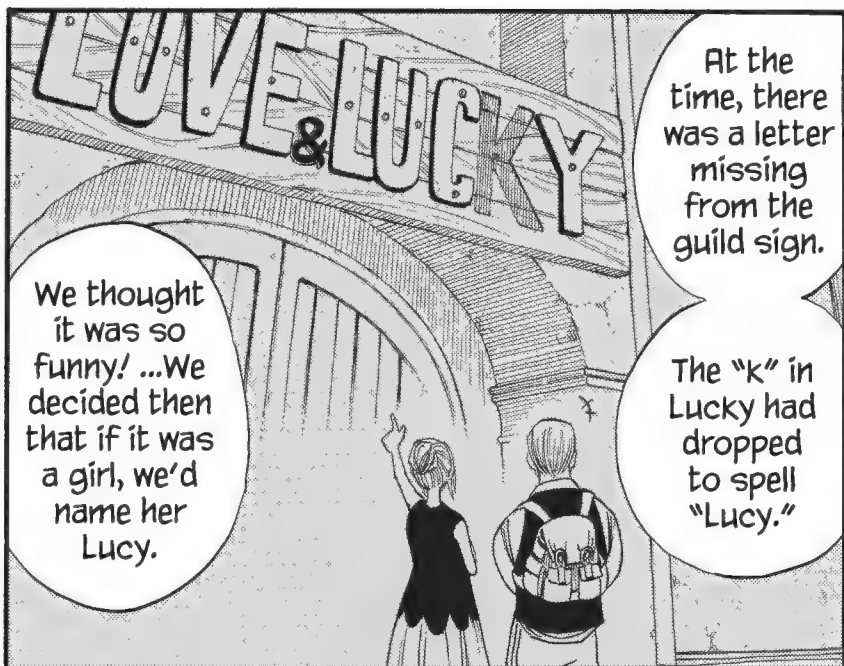
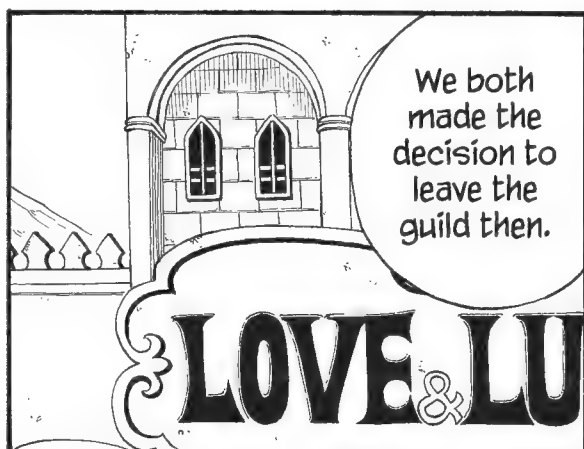
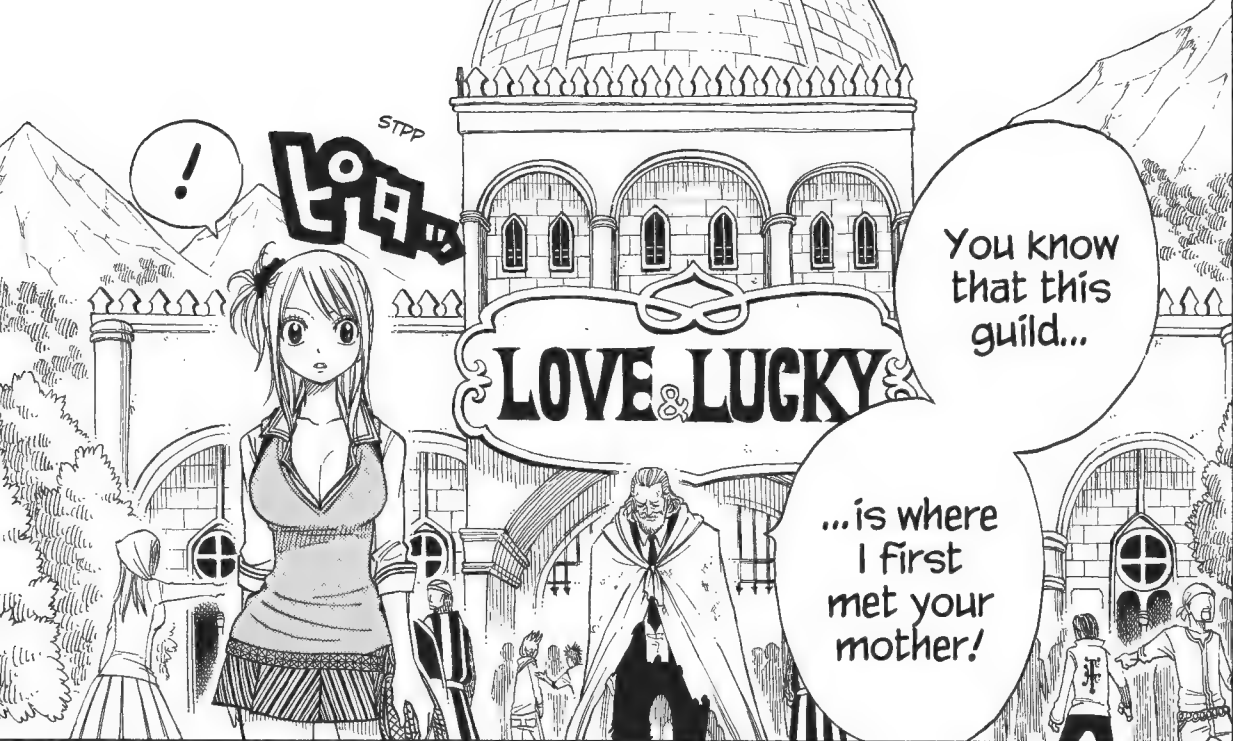
I apologize for yesterday. Something came over me...

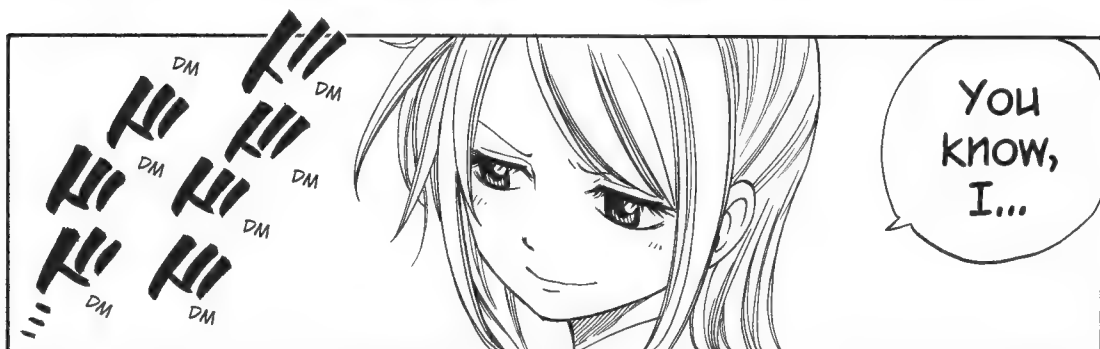
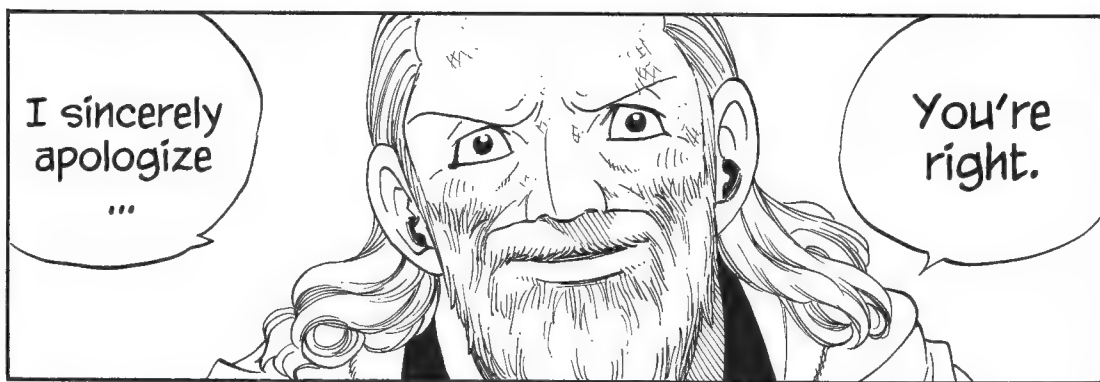


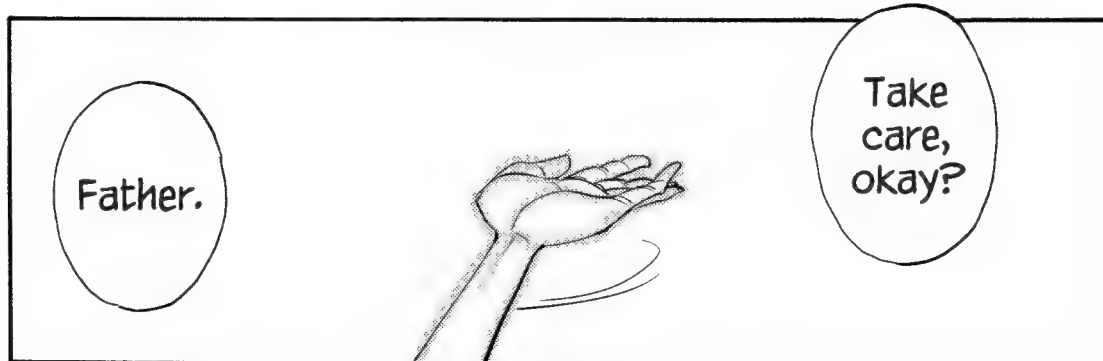
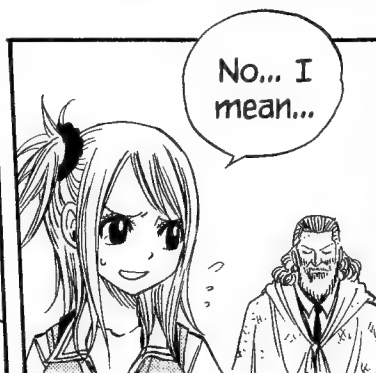
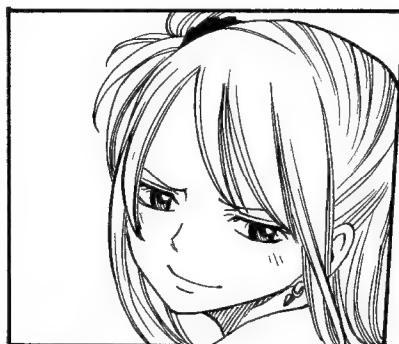
I'm sure... that I can accomplish anything!

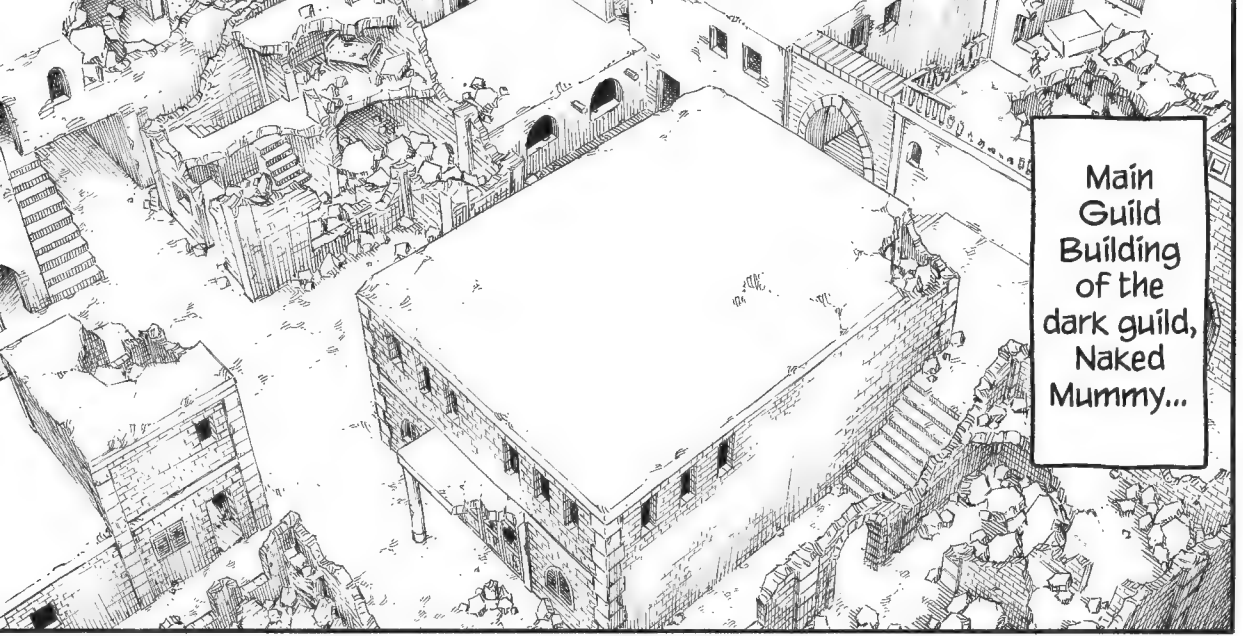


I managed to reach this point without money!

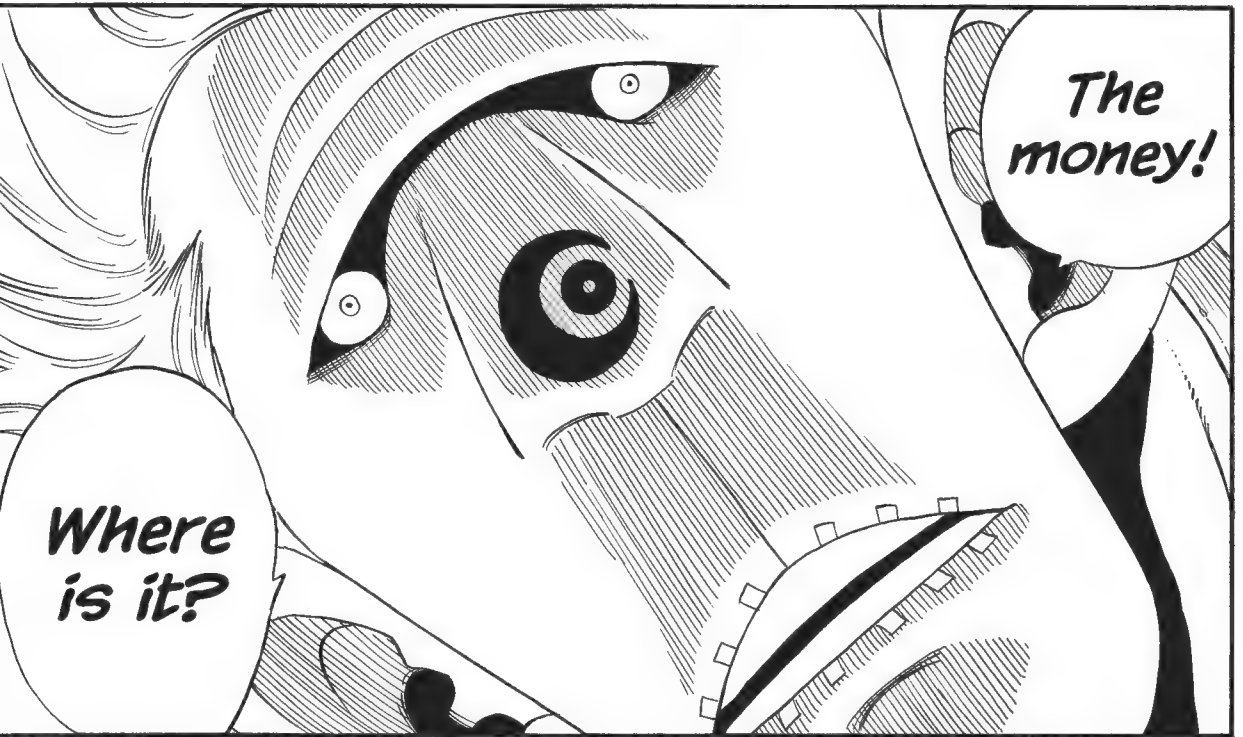






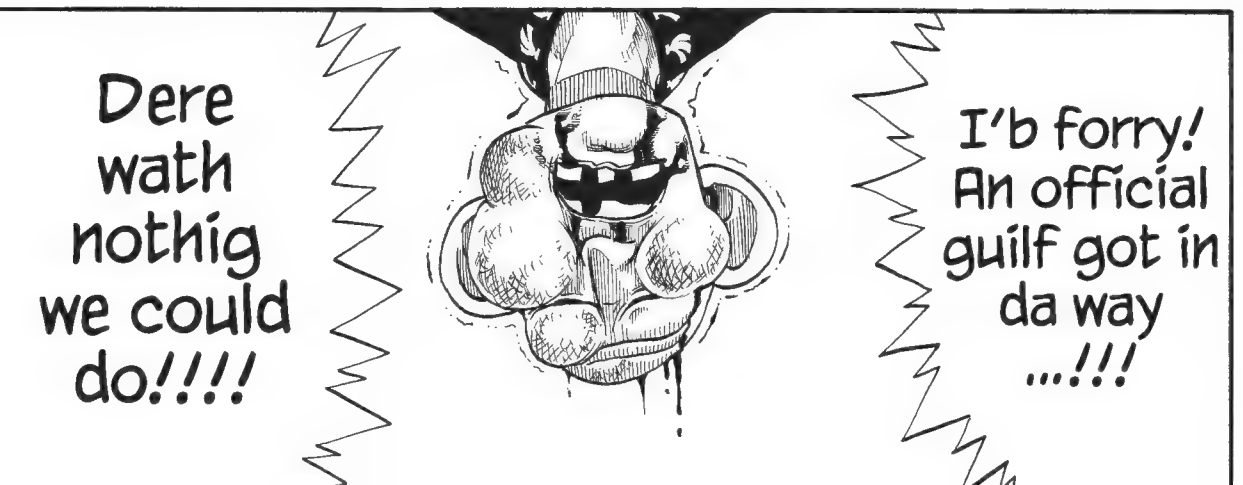


Main
Guild
Building
of the
dark guild,
Naked
Mummy...



*Where
is it?*

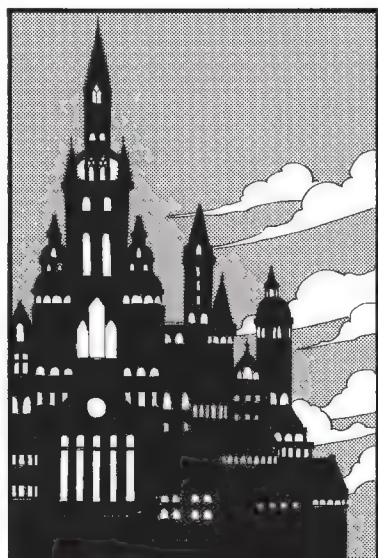
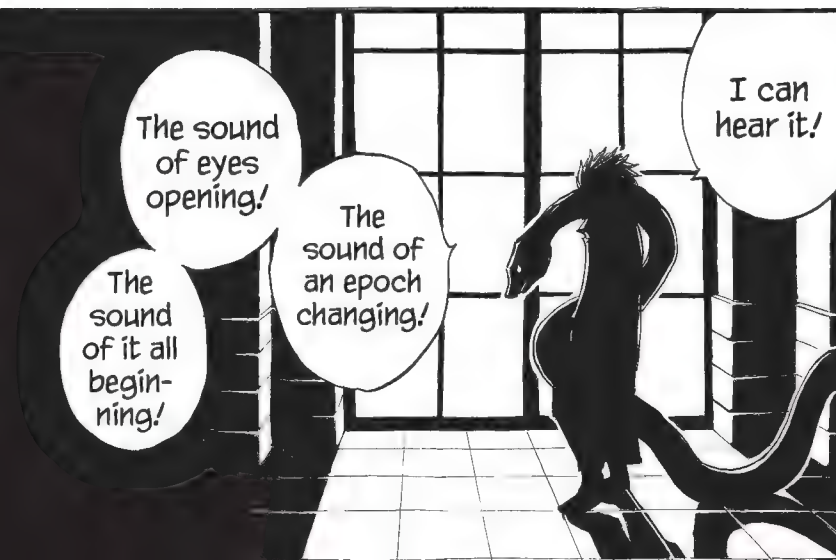
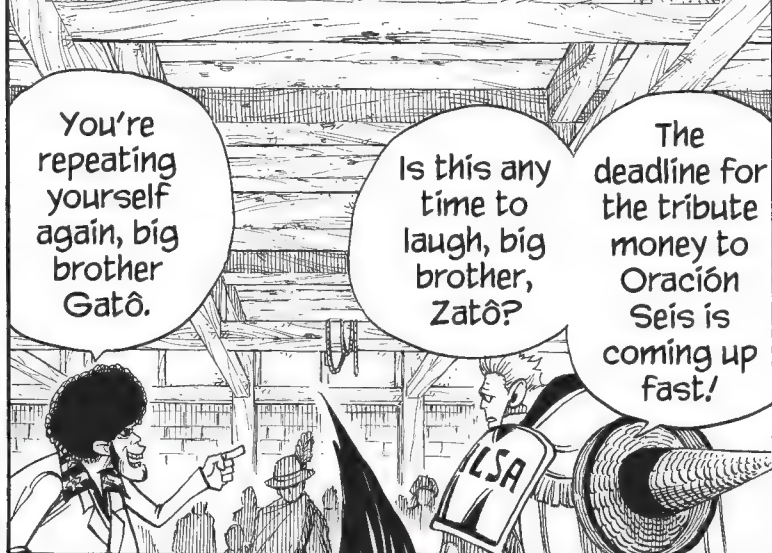
*The
money!*



*Dere
wath
nothig
we could
do!!!!*

*I'b forry!
An official
guilf got in
da way
....!!!*







*The
Extinction
of Light!*

DARK GUILD
ORACIÓN SEIS
COBRA

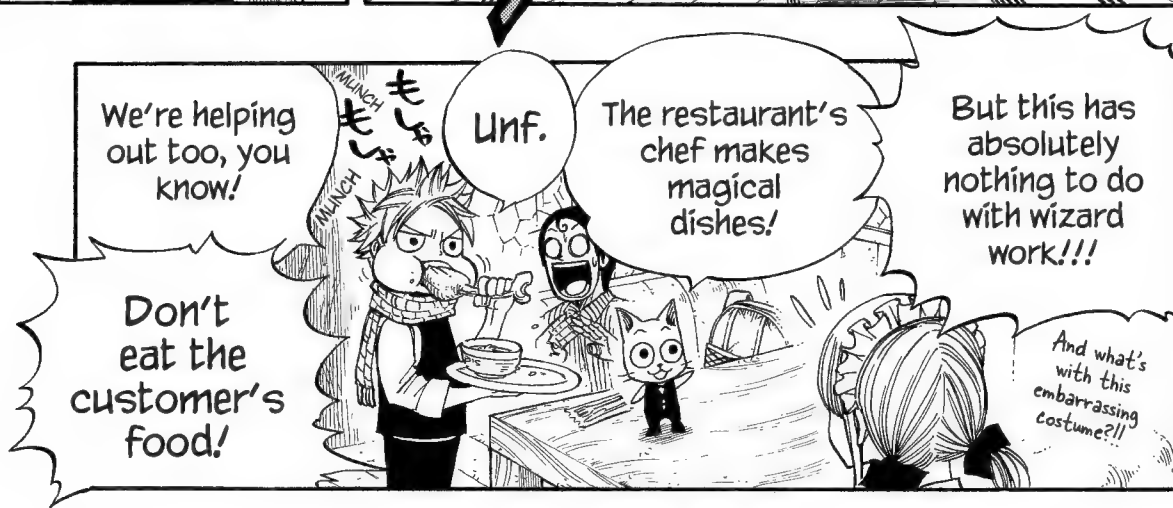
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

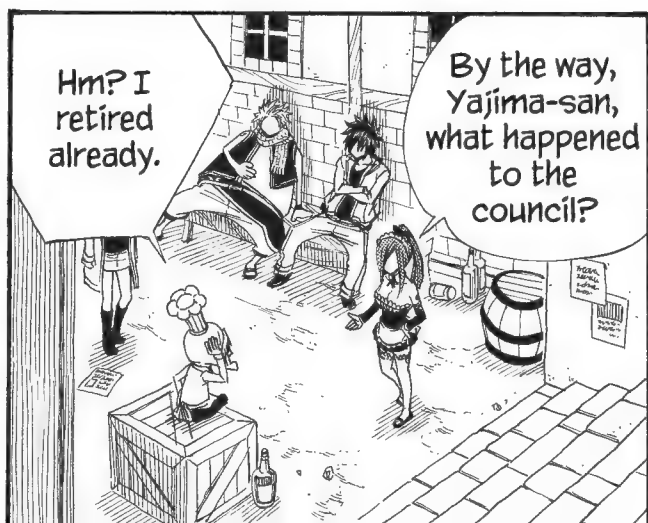


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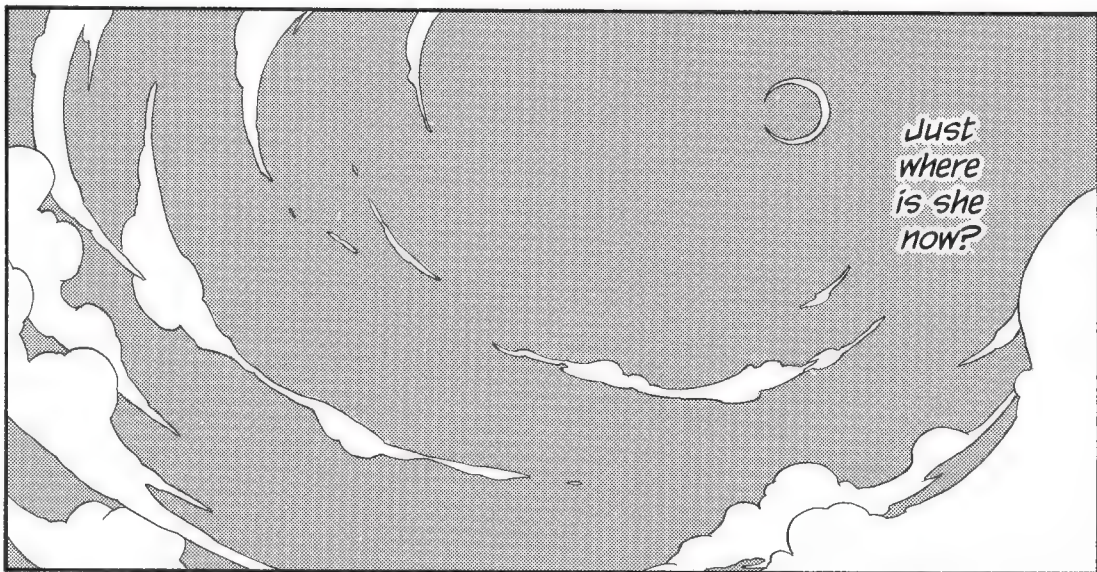


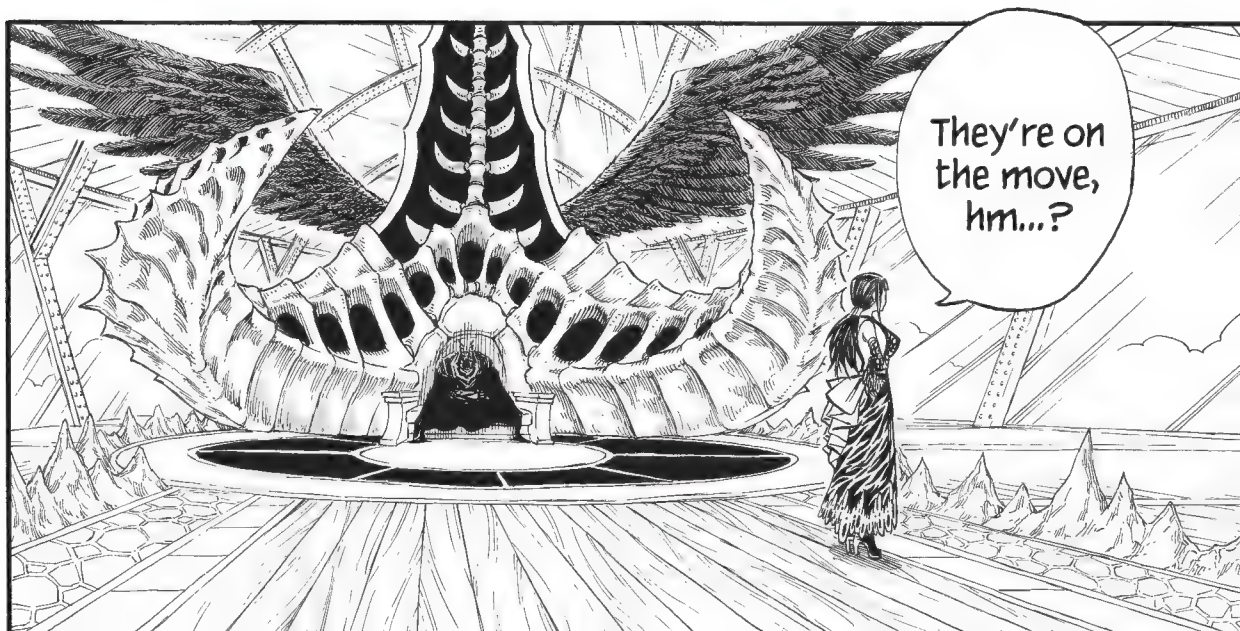
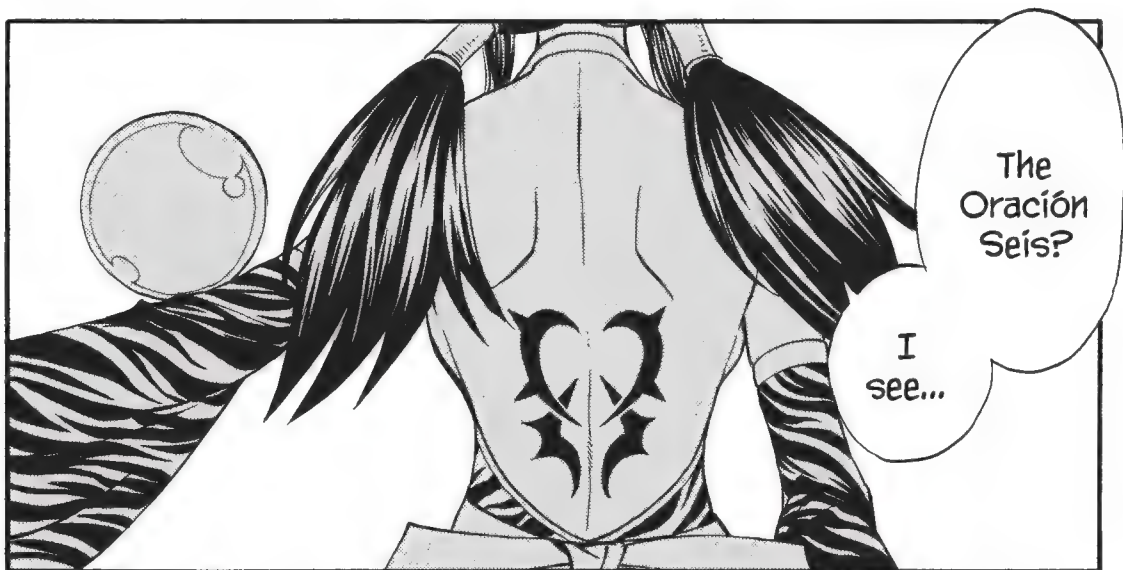
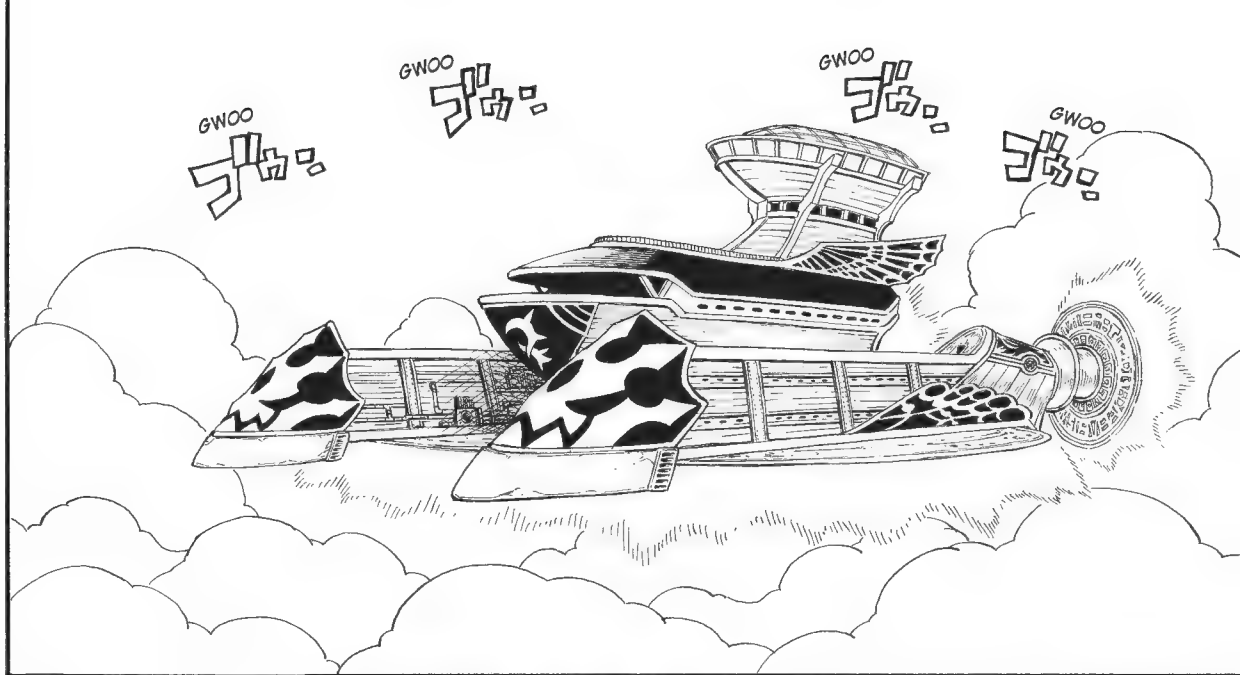










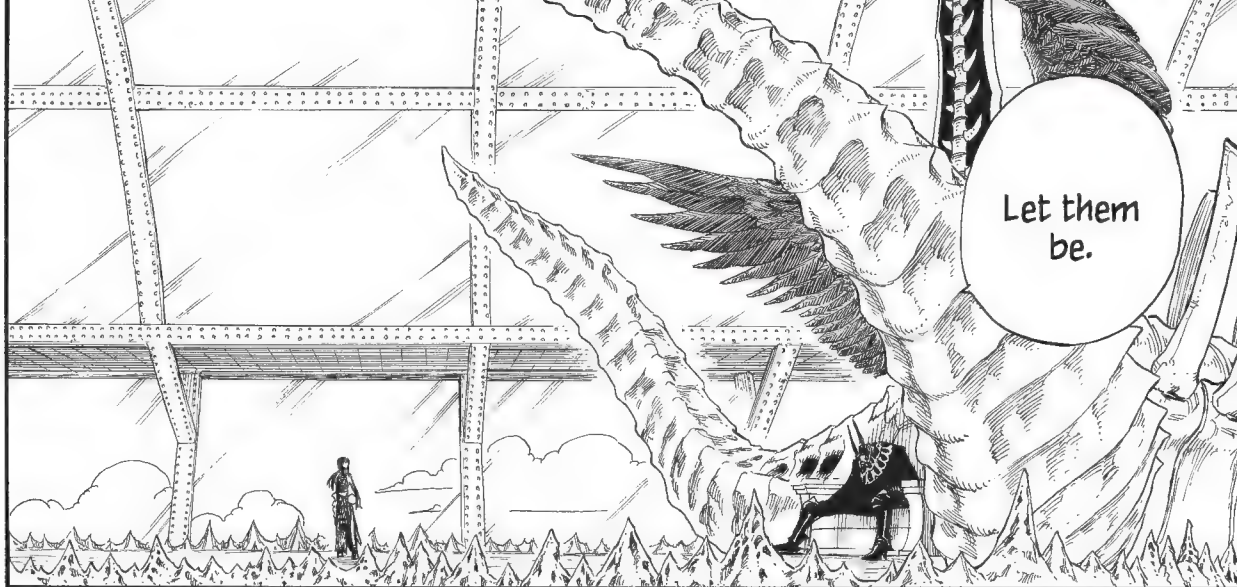




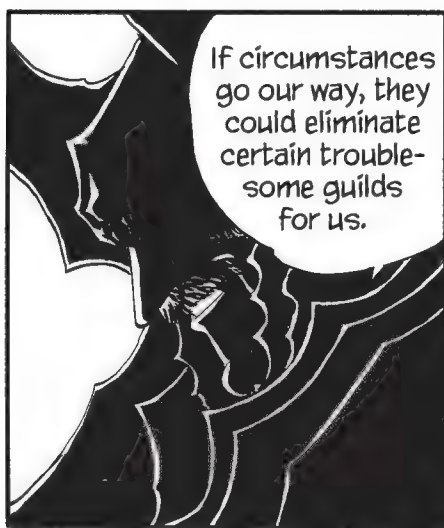
*Master
Hades?*

What
will you
do?

DARK GUILD
GRIMOIRE HEART
ULTEAR



Let them be.

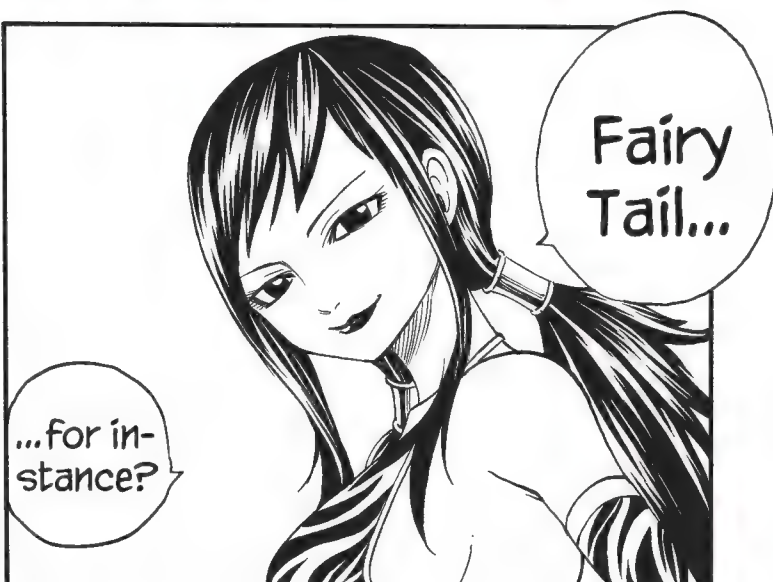


If circumstances go our way, they could eliminate certain troublesome guilds for us.



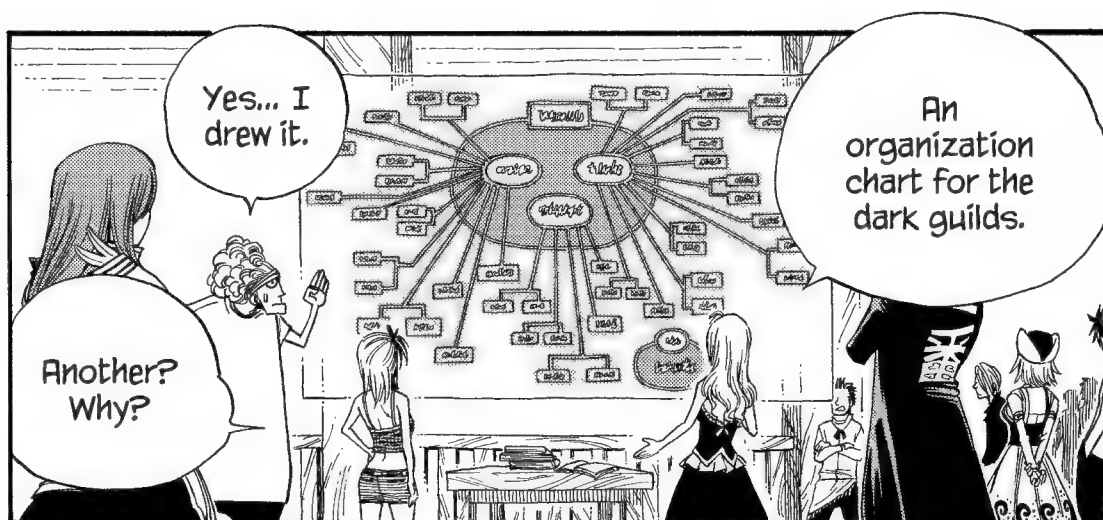
We can use the diversion to hunt for the key to remove the seal on Zeref.

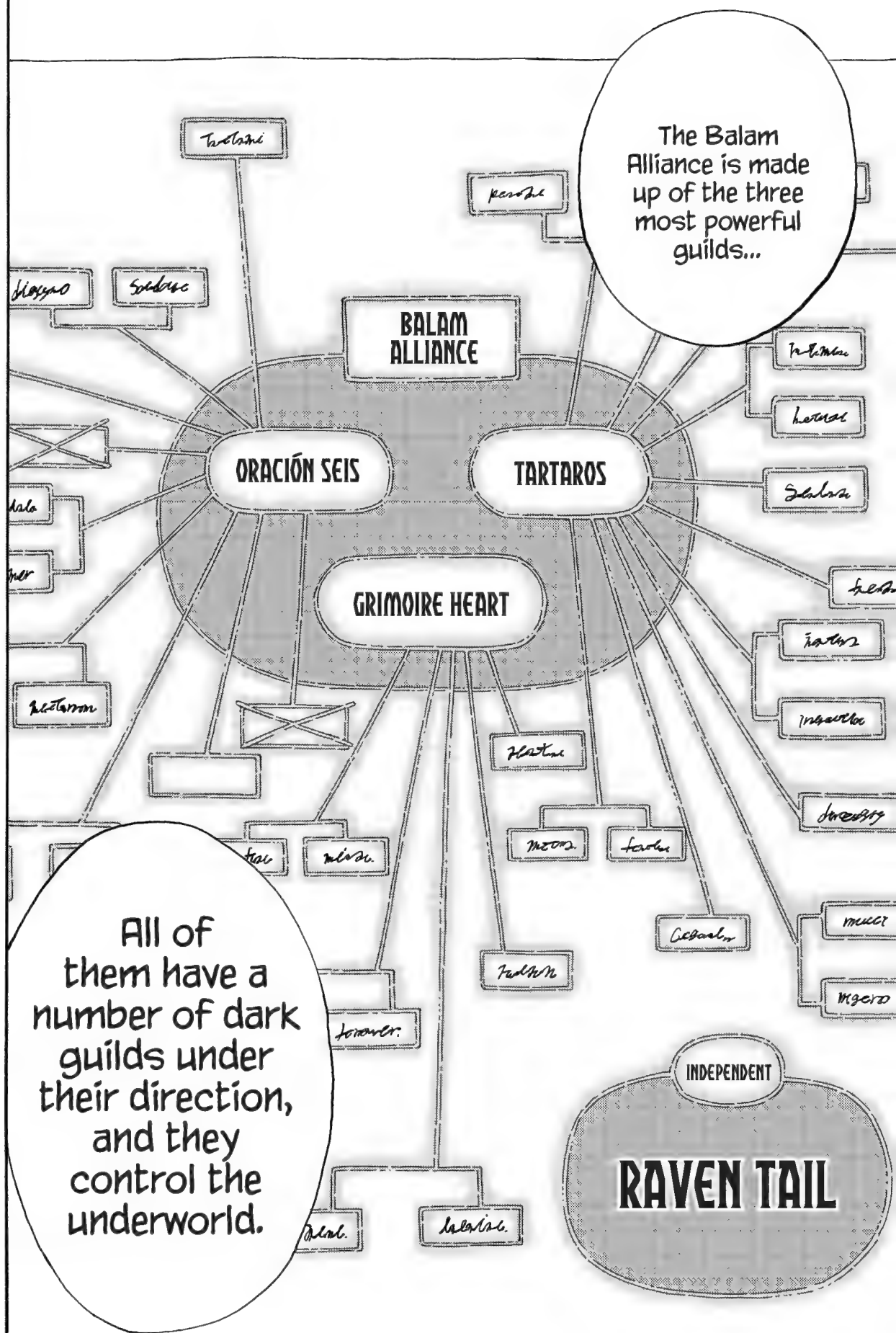
If they go on the move, the official guilds can't stay silent.



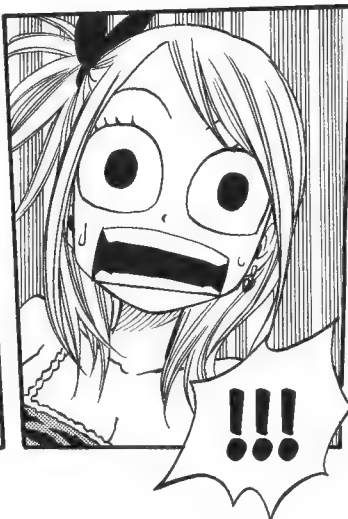
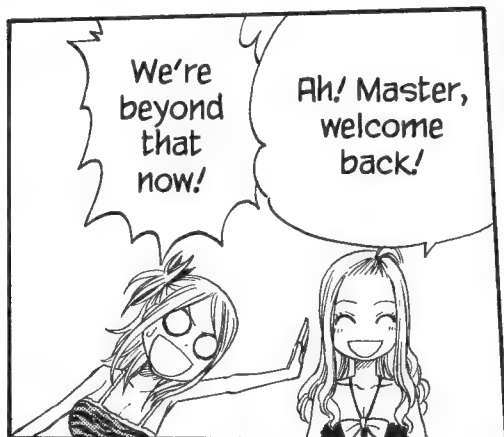
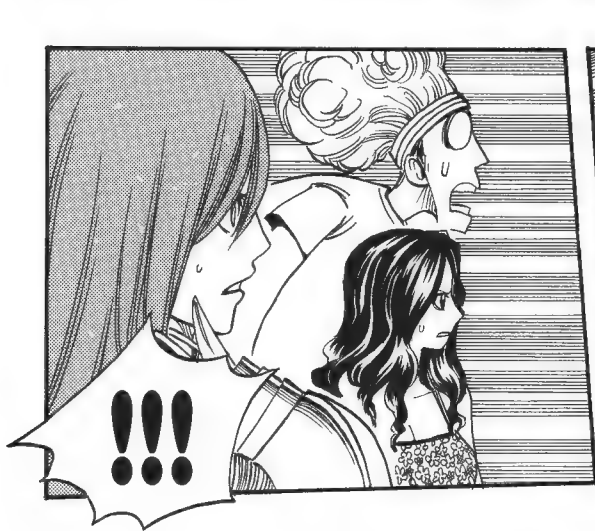
Fairy Tail...

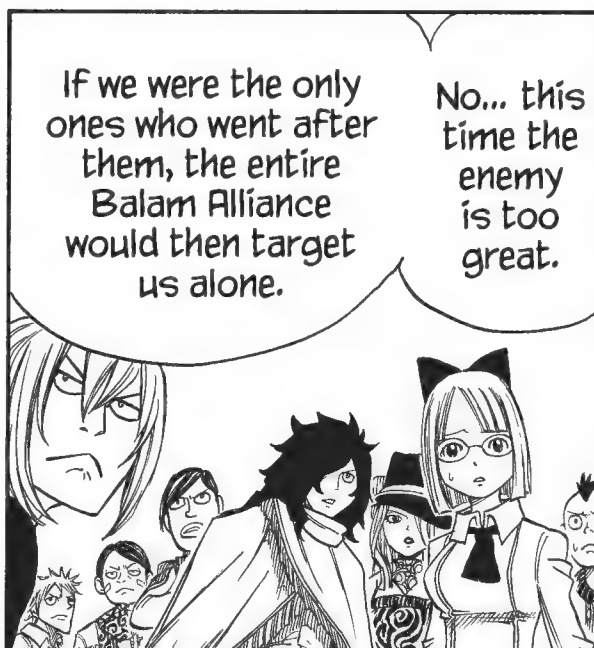
...for instance?





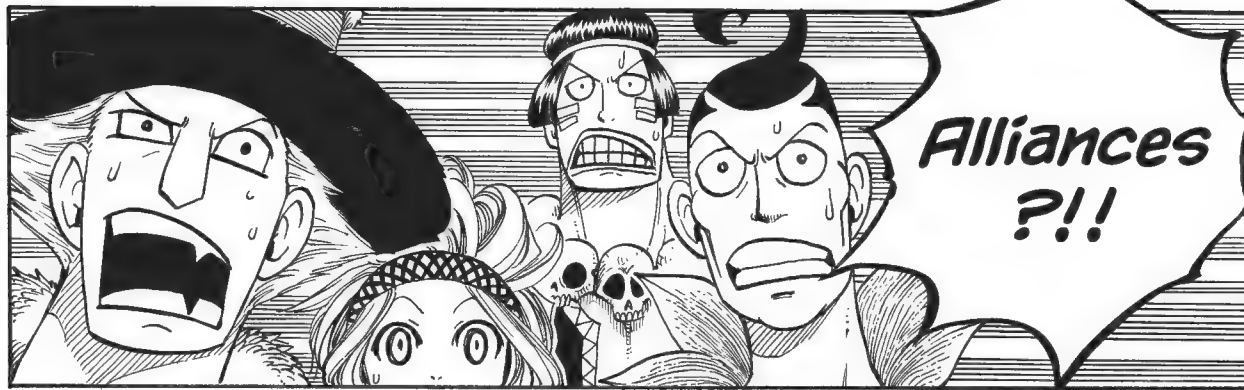








**We've
decided
to form
our own
alliances!**



**Alliances
?!!**

Each of the four guilds will choose members to send, they will combine their strength, and take down Oración Seis.



...Lamia Scale...

Fairy Tail...

...Blue Pegasus ...

and Cait Shelter.

We're against only six, right?

Hold it... Wait just a second ...



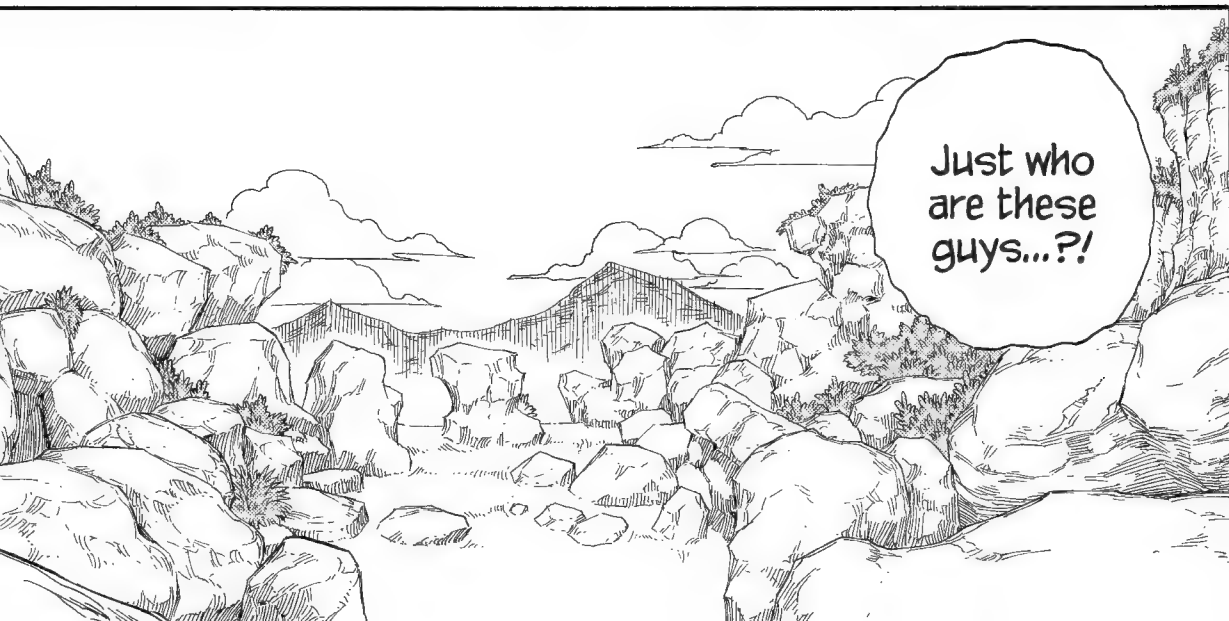
The master is concerned with repercussions.

Yeah, just us should be plenty to take them on! Wait! I should be plenty by myself!

I don't get it. Why...?



Just who are these guys...?!





The sound
of the light
going...

...extinct!

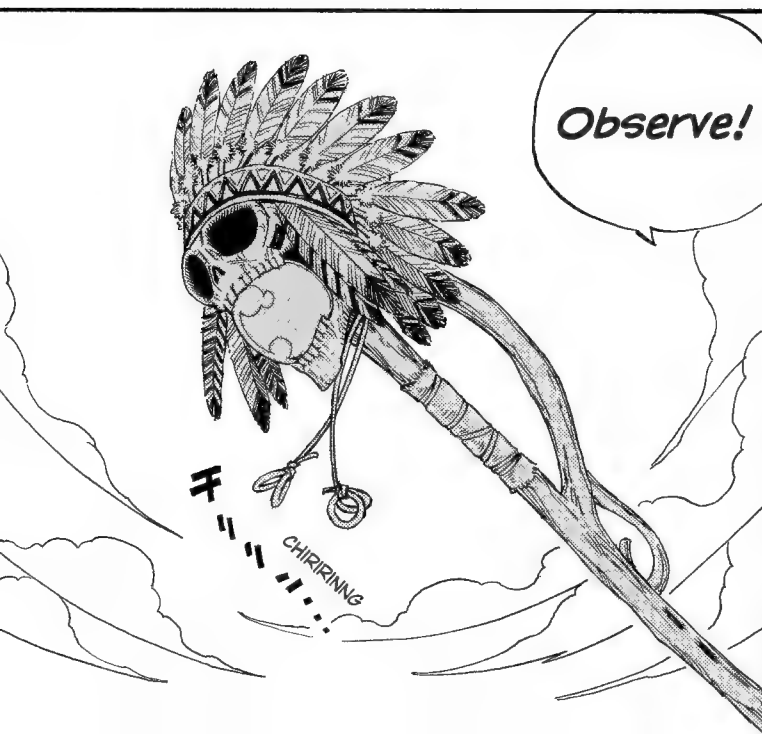
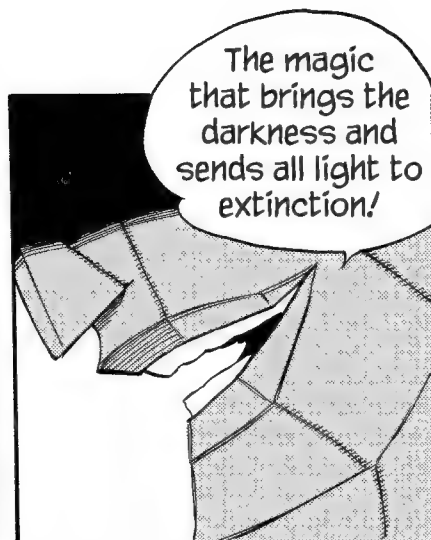
*I can
hear
it...*



That magic we
talked about
is hidden here,
Racer!

But I
shouldn't
complain
about
racing.

You're
racing
ahead of
yourself,
Cobra.





*The
land has
started its
march to
death!*

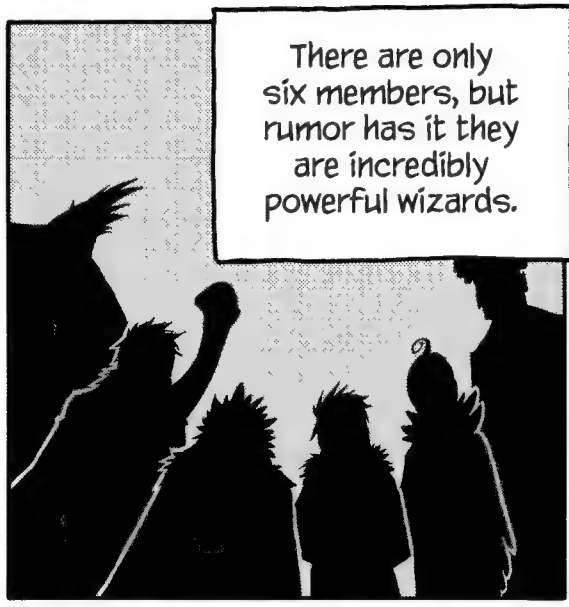
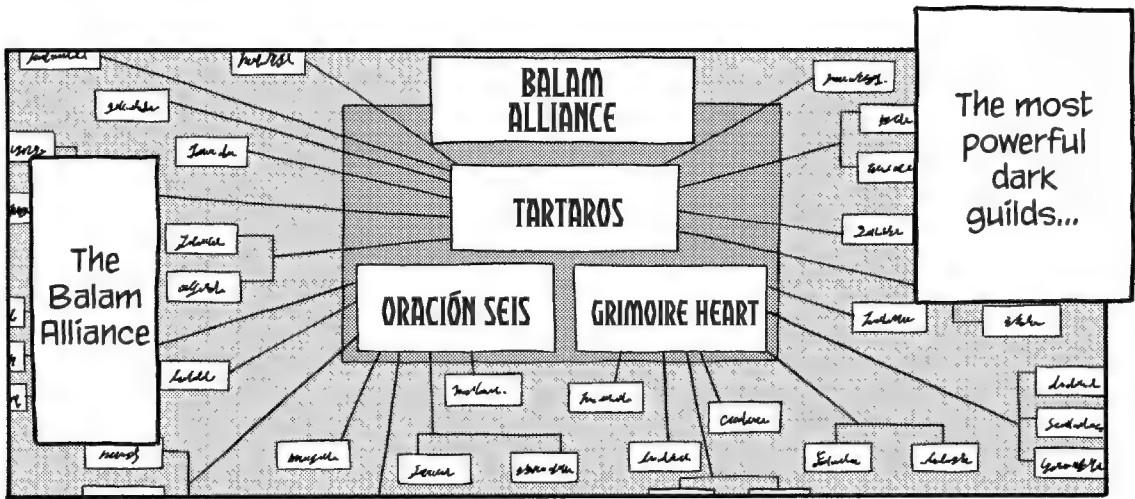
*Just
because
Nirvana is
so close
by!*

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 132: Allies, Unite!

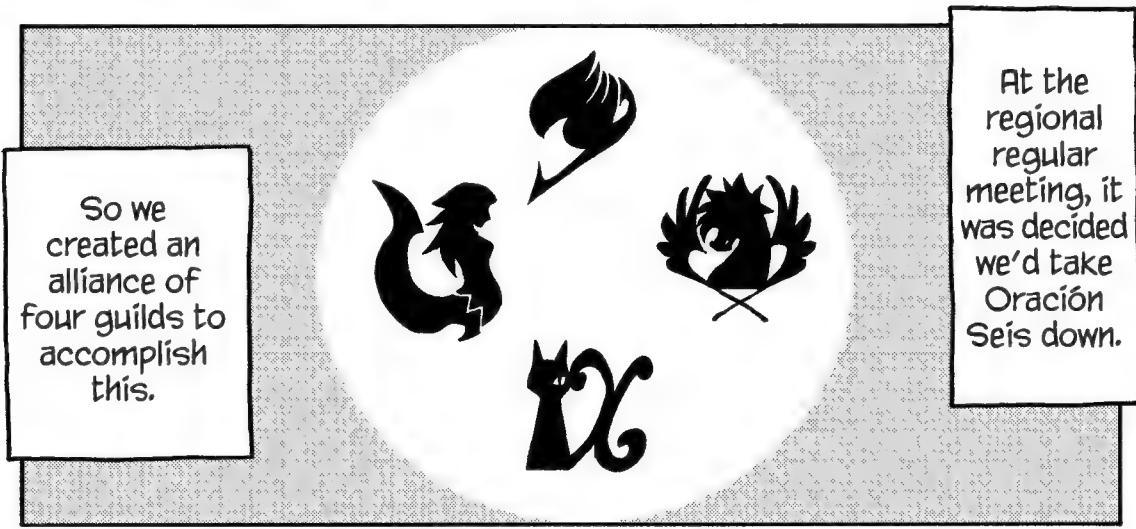




There are only six members, but rumor has it they are incredibly powerful wizards.



One corner is the dark guild Oración Seis.



So we created an alliance of four guilds to accomplish this.

At the regional regular meeting, it was decided we'd take Oración Seis down.

...and
us,
Fairy
Tail.



...Caît
Shelter
...



...Lamia
Scale...



Blue
Pegasus
...



Why do I
have to be
a part of
a mission
like this?!!

HUUUUH?

But
hold
it...

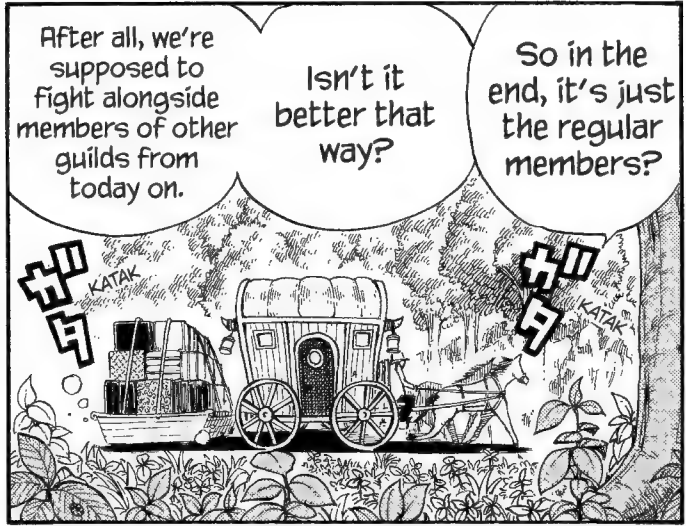
Master chose
the personnel
himself. And we
must meet his
high expecta-
tions of us,
correct?

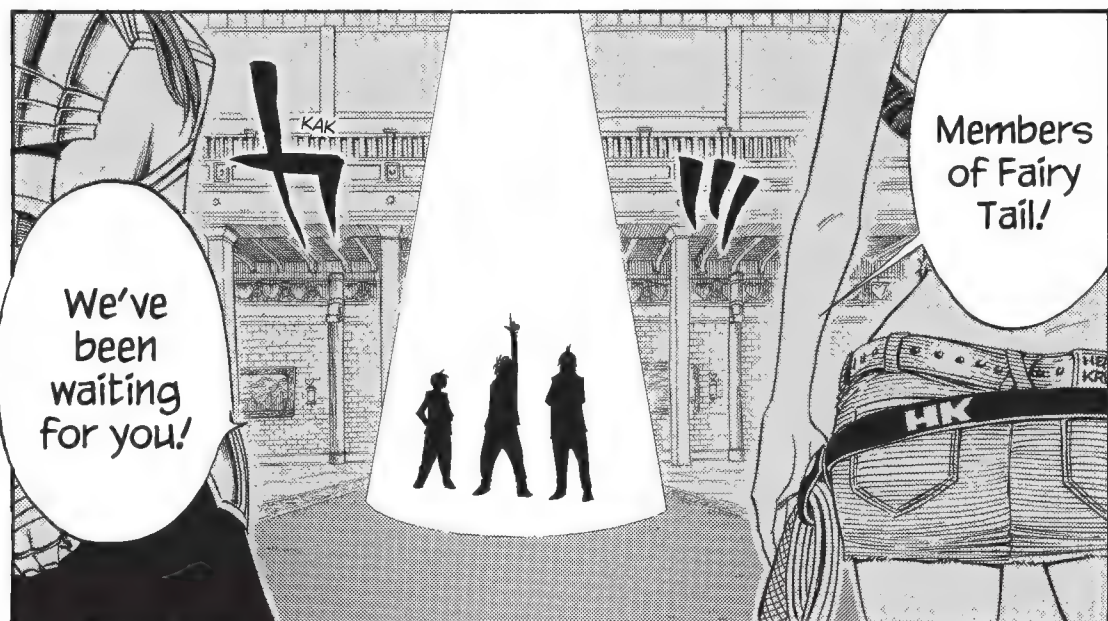
KATAK
KATAK
KATAK

Well I think
it's a pain too,
but I'm not
complaining.
So quit your
whining!

WHINE
WHINE
WHINE

KATAK
KATAK
KATAK







I am
Hibiki
of the
Hundred
Nights!

BLUE
PEGASUS



HIBIKI OF THE
HUNDRED NIGHTS



I am Eve
of the Holy
Nights!

BLUE
PEGASUS



EVE OF THE
HOLY NIGHTS



I am
Ren of
the Hollow
Nights!

BLUE
PEGASUS



REN OF THE
HOLLOW NIGHTS



Our guys can't compete.

Urf...

Dammit!! I forgot to wear clothes!!!



Th-
They're cool....!!



Now...
if you'll
step this
way...

Pleased to
make your
acquaintance,
Titania.

The
rumors of
your beauty
were no lie.



What's
with these
jerks...



Whoa...

Now, take
a seat
also, my
dear.

No...

Whiskey
and soda,
perhaps?

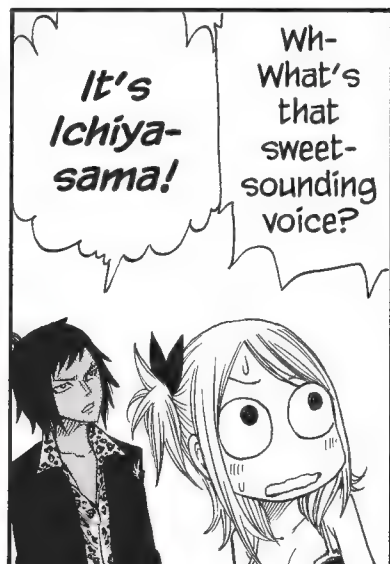
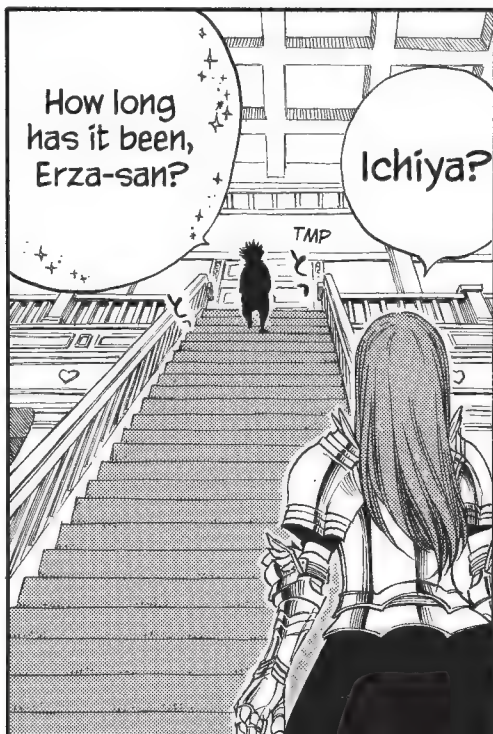
Soothe
yourself
with a
steaming
cloth.

I don't
know about
this. You're
just too
cute.



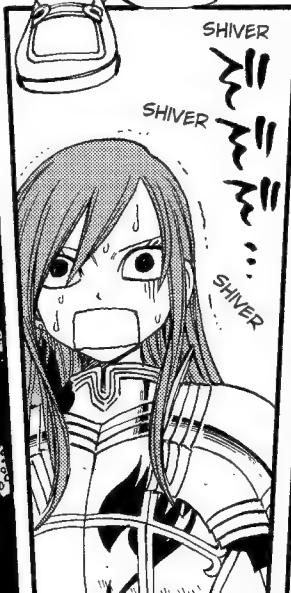
*Allow
us to
serve you
tonight
and...*

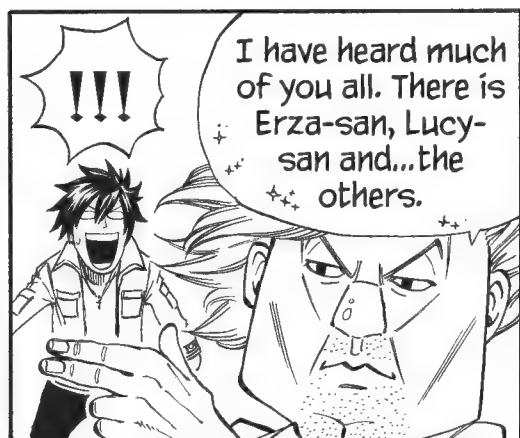
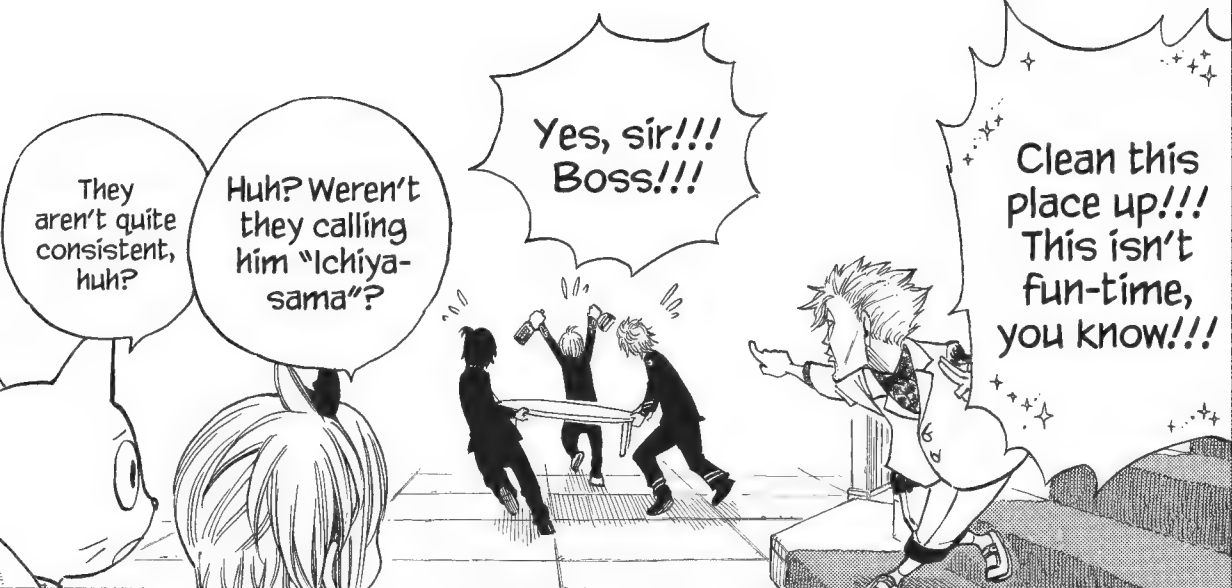
Now...
You must be
exhausted
from your
long journey.

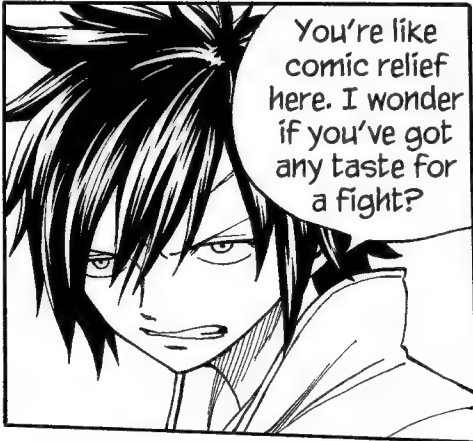




*The name Ichiya means "one night."







Thanks for your good work!

Ah, the males have my permission to leave.







Attacking
Lamia
Scale? I'll
take you
on.

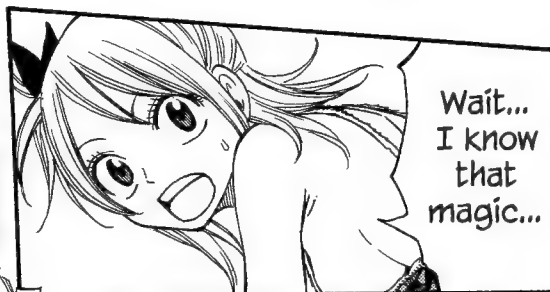
LAMIA SCALE
LYON 

Hey...
You joined
a guild?!

Gray
?!!

Lyon
?!!







Gray
...



Lyon
...



S-Stay away!!!
I will cut you!!

I must
smell more
of your
perfume!!!

I
must
have
more...



Come
on!!!
Come at
me!!!



I've got
some hate
for you
too!!!



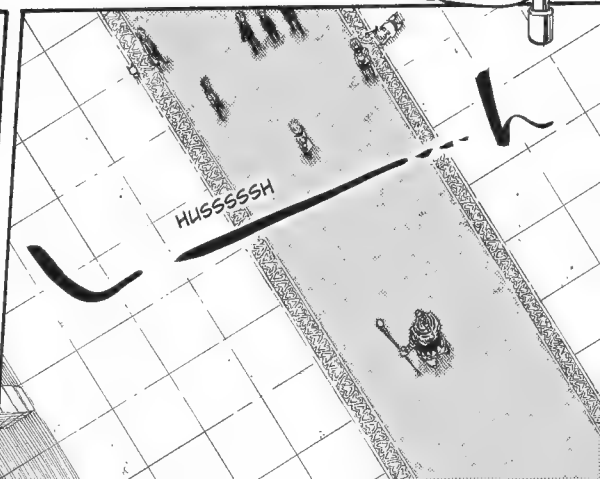
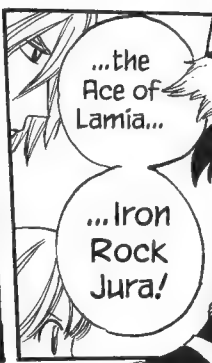
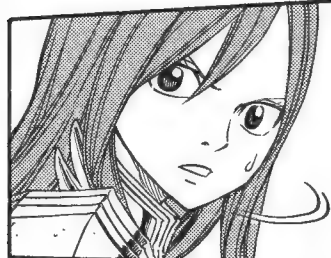
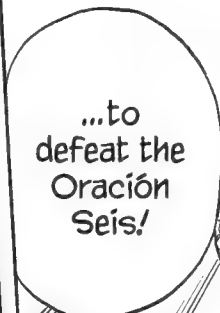
I cannot
feel love
for you!



**STOP
!!!!**



LAMIA SCALE
JURA





...but
I have
heard it
will only
be one.

You say
group
...



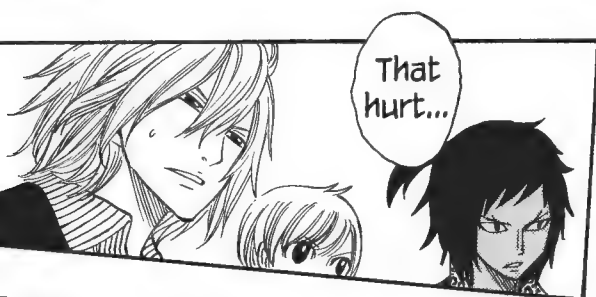
Now we
have three
guilds
accounted
for.

All that's
left is the
group
from Cait
Shelter.

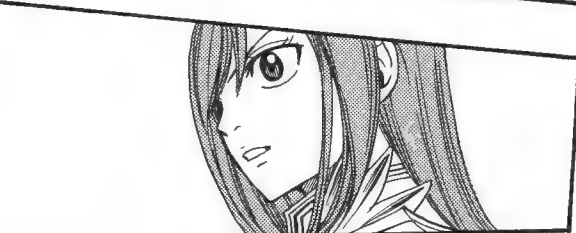


W-Wait a
second... Just
how scary is this
person?!

Just one?!
A mission as
dangerous as this,
and they can
spare only one
wizard?!!



That
hurt...



I'm
sorry
I'm so
late!

U-
Um...




E
e
e
k
k
k
!

A young girl with long dark hair and bangs, wearing a black and white zigzag-patterned dress with a large bow at the chest and small wings on the shoulders. She is standing on a path that leads into the distance.

It's
nice to
meet you
guys!!

I'm here
from Cait
Shelter.
Wendy!

CAIT SHELTER
WENDY 

A close-up of Wendy's feet wearing black Mary Jane shoes, standing on a striped surface.

A girl?!

A close-up of Wendy's face, looking surprised with wide eyes and an open mouth.

A
child?!

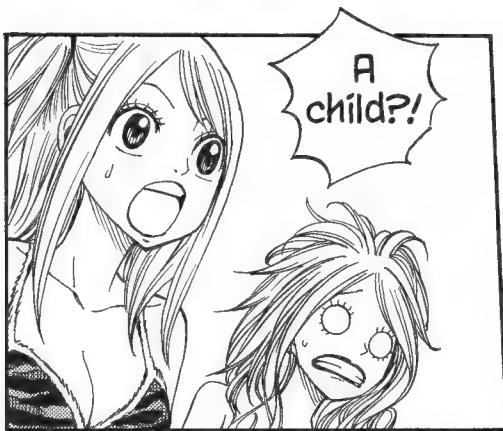
A close-up of a boy with spiky hair and a thick scarf, looking directly at the viewer with a serious expression.

Wendy?

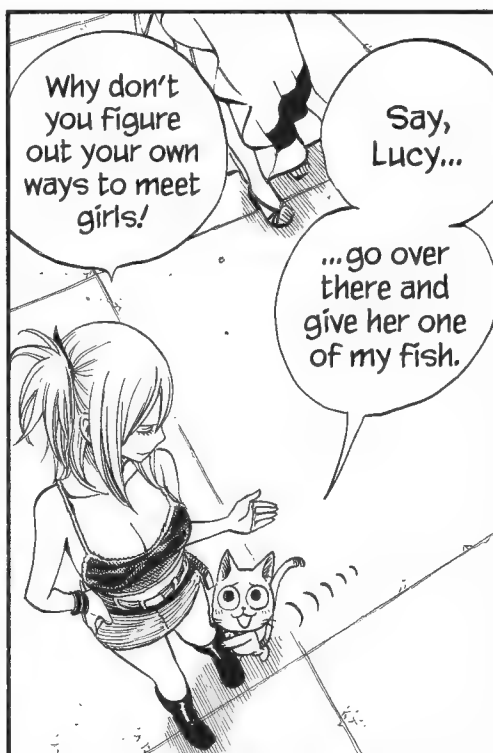
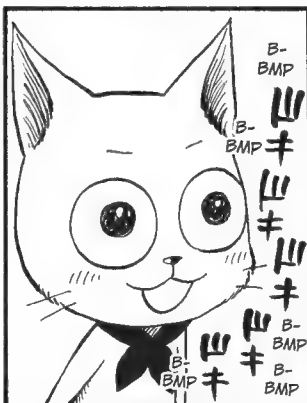
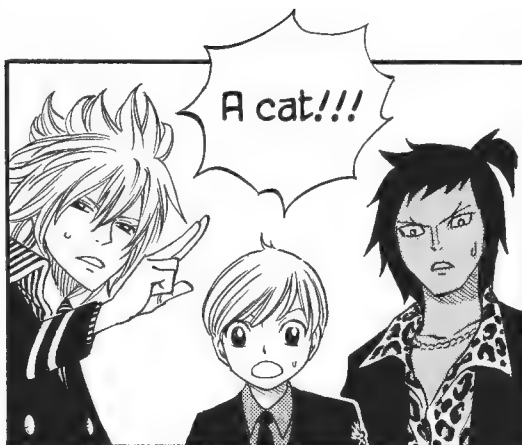
FAIRY TAIL

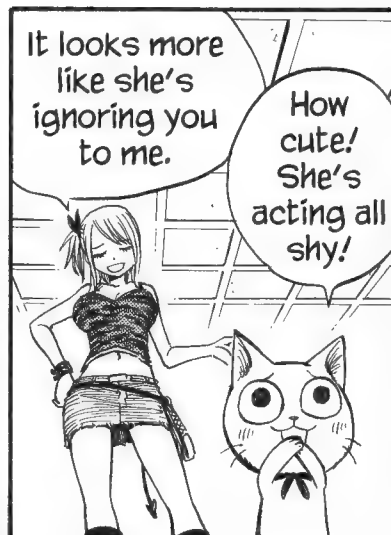
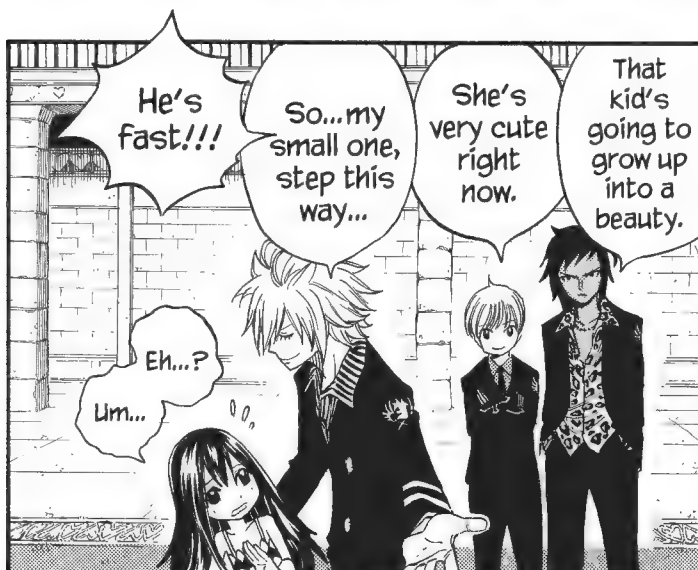


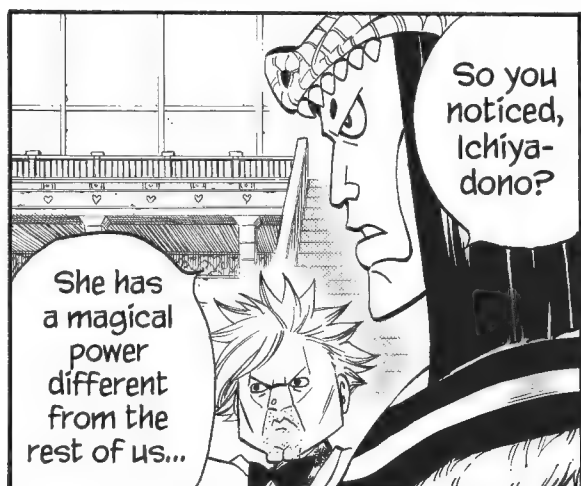
Chapter 133: 12 vs. 6











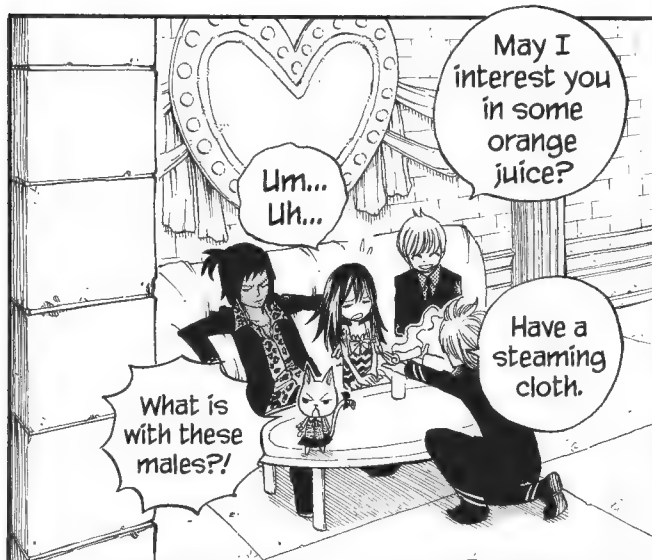
So you noticed, Ichiya-dono?

She has a magical power different from the rest of us...



The perfume of that girl is...remarkable...

She is no ordinary wizard!

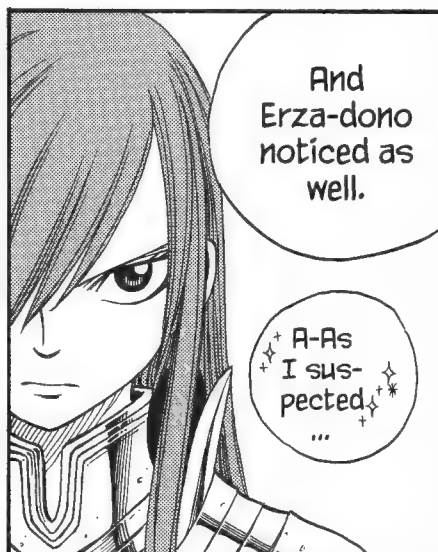


May I interest you in some orange juice?

Um... Uh...

Have a steaming cloth.

What is with these males?!



And Erza-dono noticed as well.

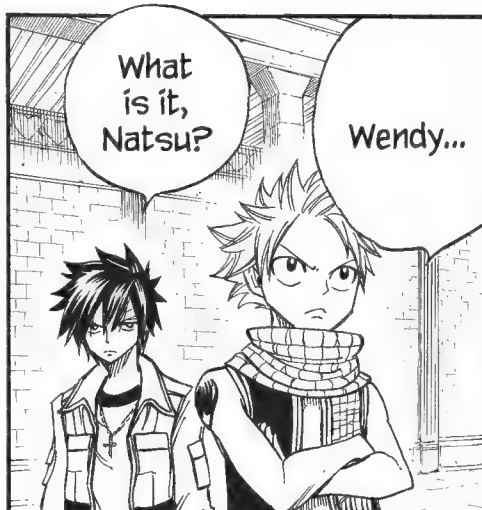
A-As I suspected...



Hmm ...

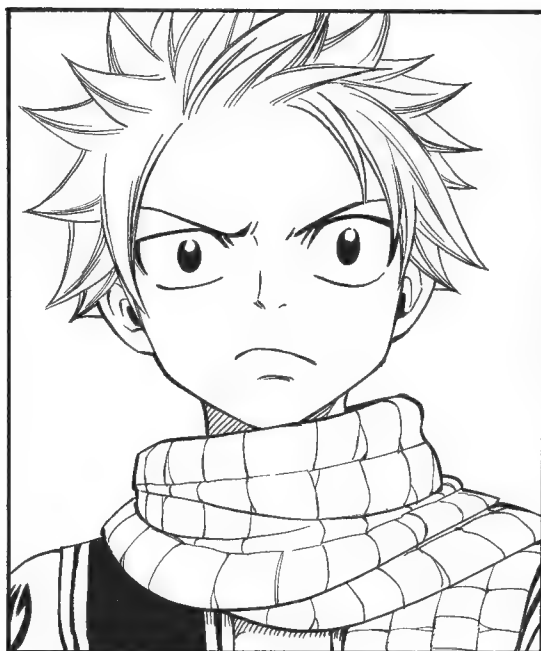
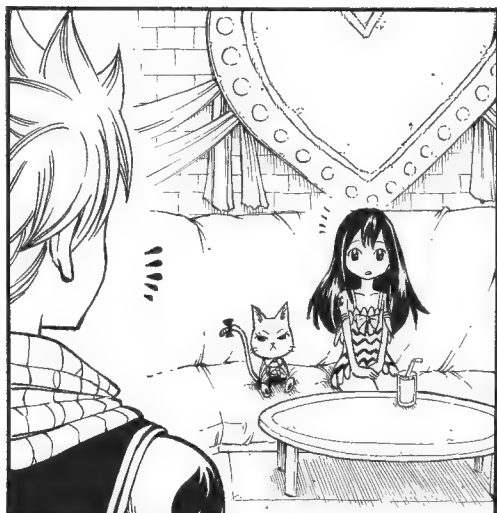


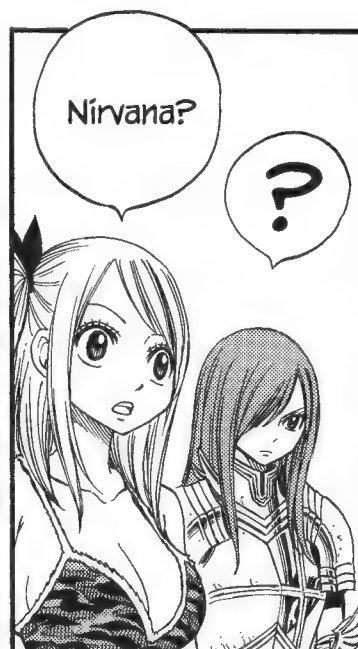
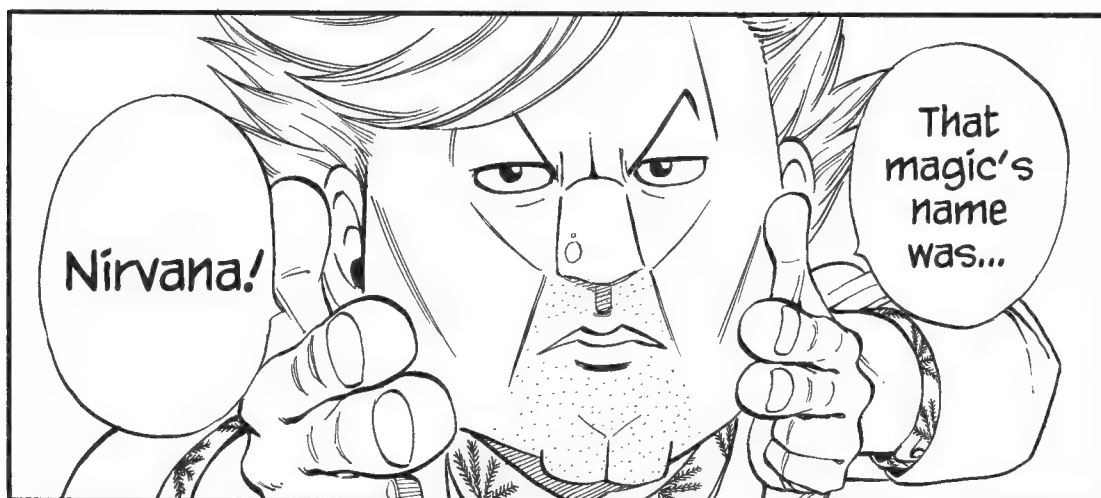
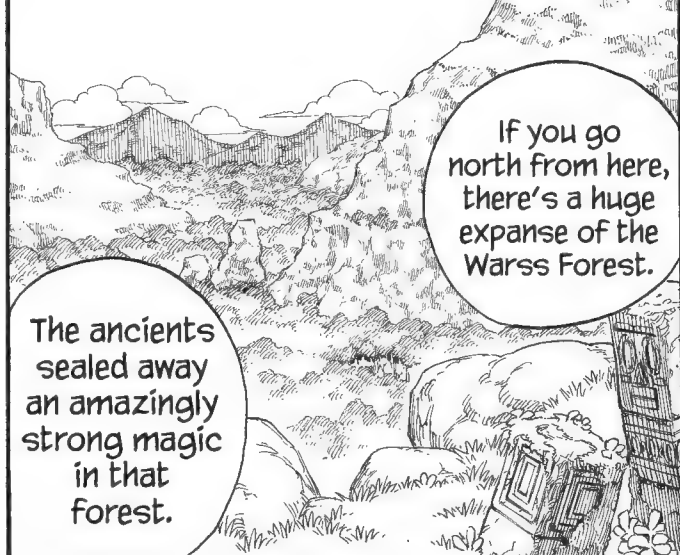
I have the feeling I've heard that name somewhere before...



What is it, Natsu?

Wendy...





It's safe to assume that the Oración Seis are gathered there...

...to get Nirvana for themselves.

I don't know what this magic is, but...

For the ancients to seal it away tells us that it's very destructive magic.

And to make sure that doesn't happen...

...we have to stop the Oración Seis!!!!

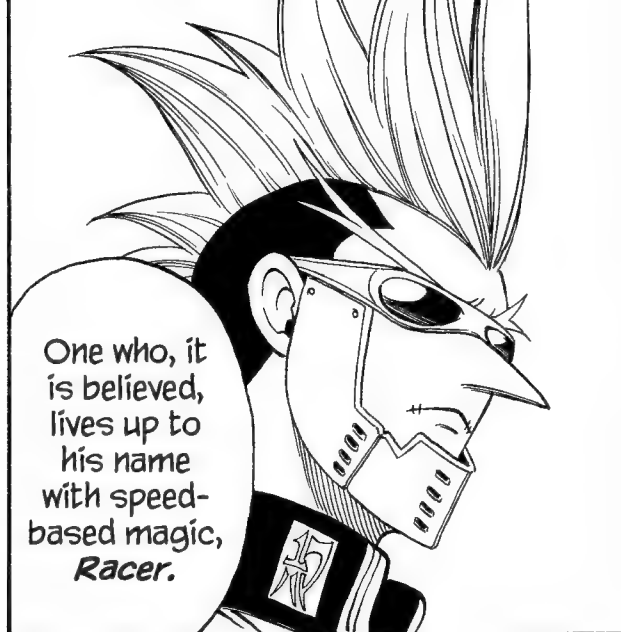


Those six are unbelievably strong.

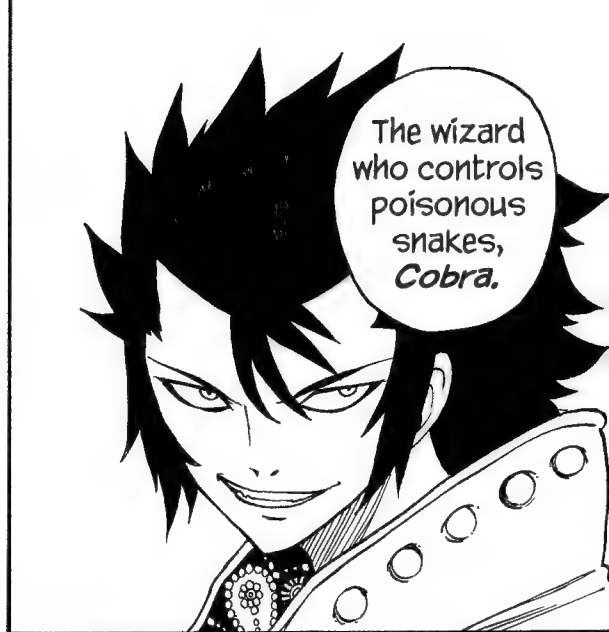
...but don't take them lightly for a second!

We have twelve people versus their six...





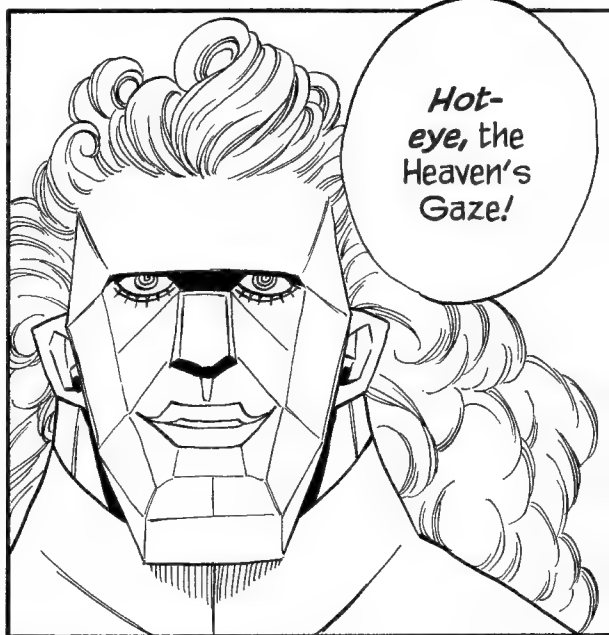
One who, it is believed, lives up to his name with speed-based magic, *Racer*.



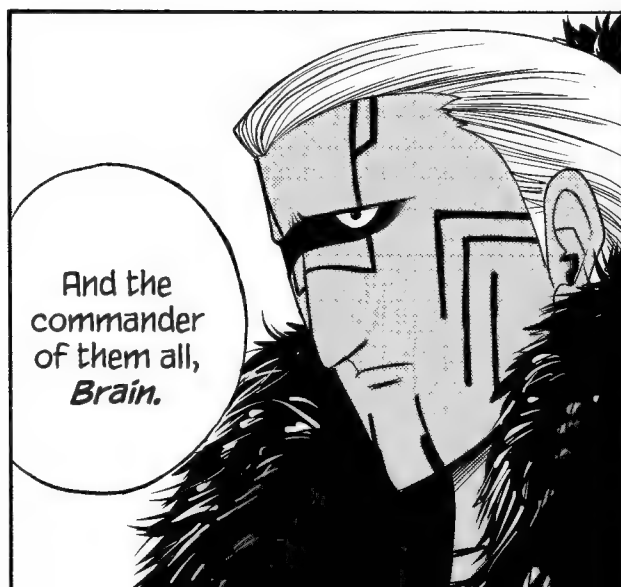
The wizard who controls poisonous snakes, *Cobra*.



The girl who can see into your heart, *Angel*.



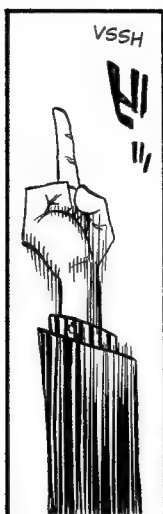
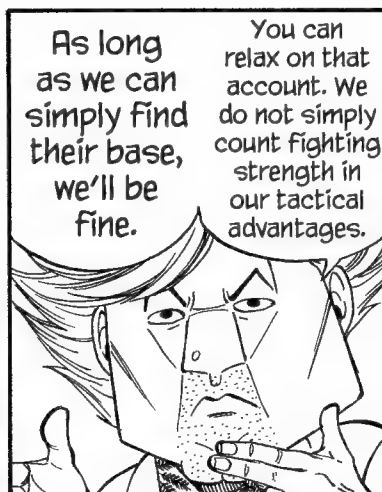
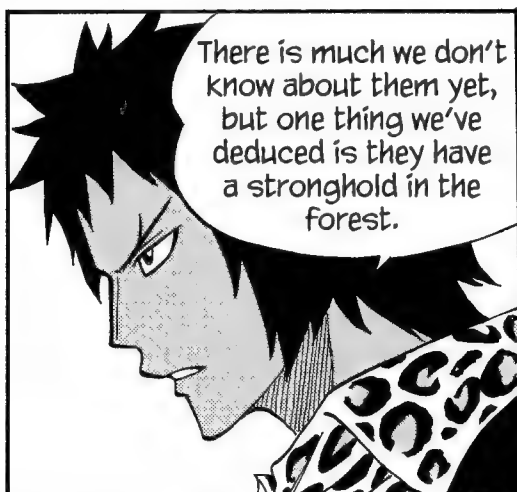
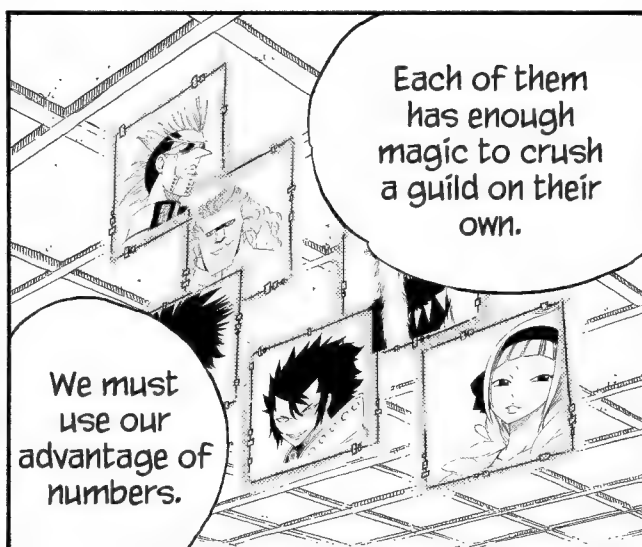
Hot-eye, the Heaven's Gaze!

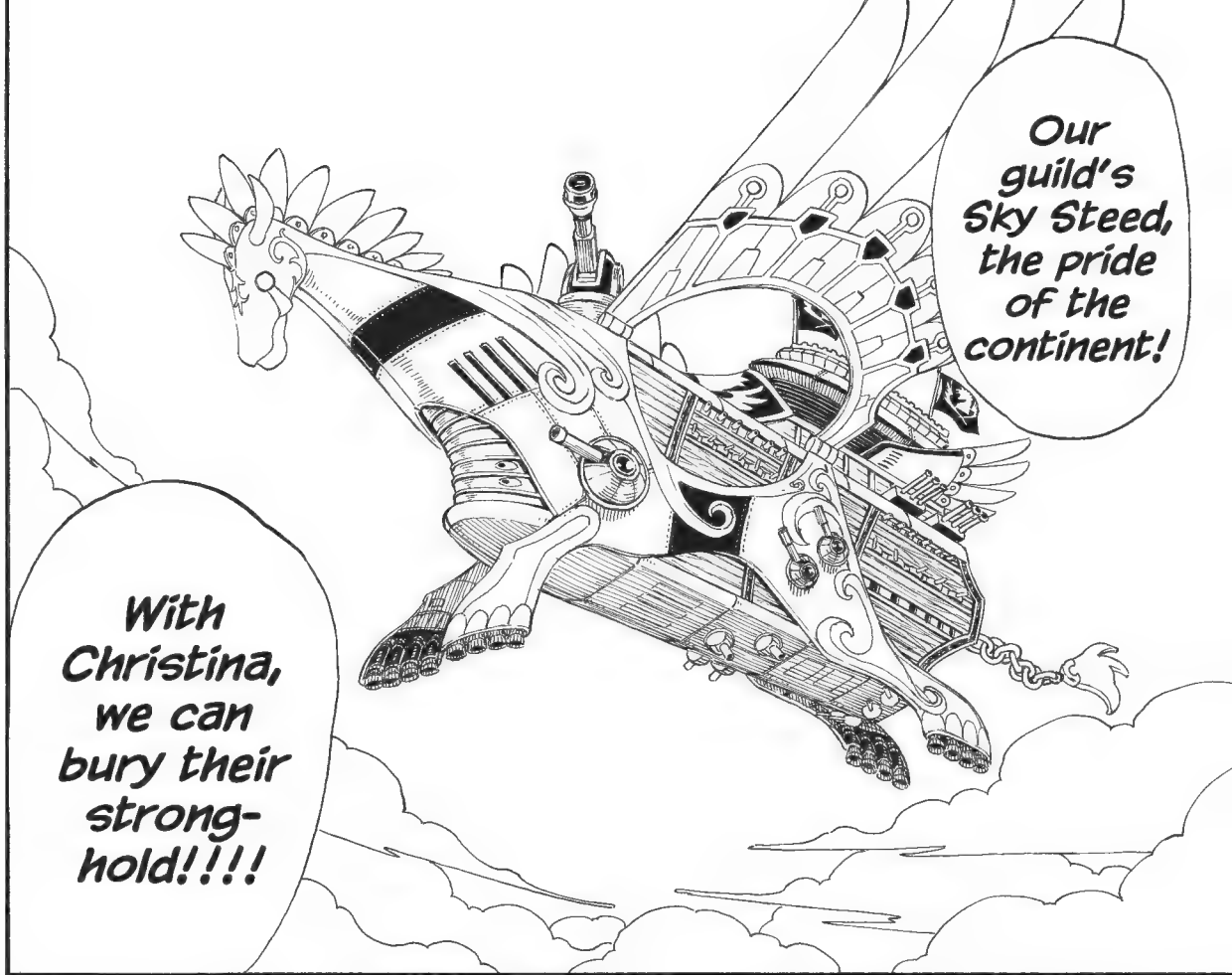


And the commander of them all, *Brain*.



We have very little data on this man other than his name, *Midnight*.





Our
guild's
Sky Steed,
the pride
of the
continent!

With
Christina,
we can
bury their
strong-
hold!!!!

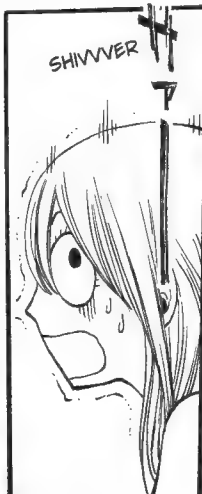


A magic heavy
bomber?!

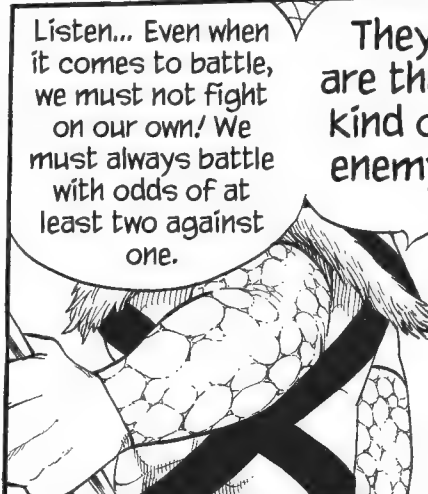
Ohh!!!



Right!!!
I'm all
fired up!!!



SHIVER



Listen... Even when
it comes to battle,
we must not fight
on our own! We
must always battle
with odds of at
least two against
one.

They
are that
kind of
enemy.

Wait, we're
up against
people. Do
we need to
go that
far?





***I'm
gonna
go take
on all
six at
once
!!!!***

I'm sure
he didn't
hear a
word.

Natsu
!!!



I'd rather
not be
shown up
by Fairy
Tail.



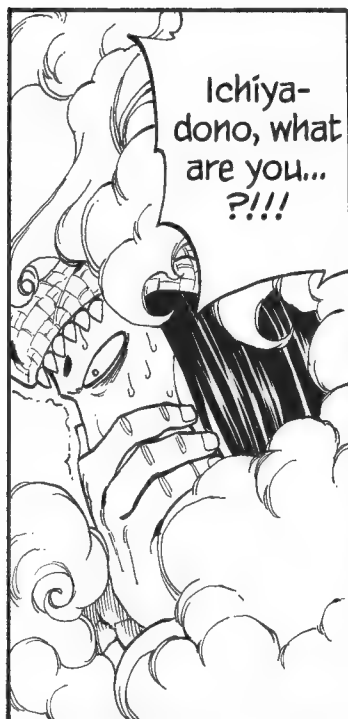
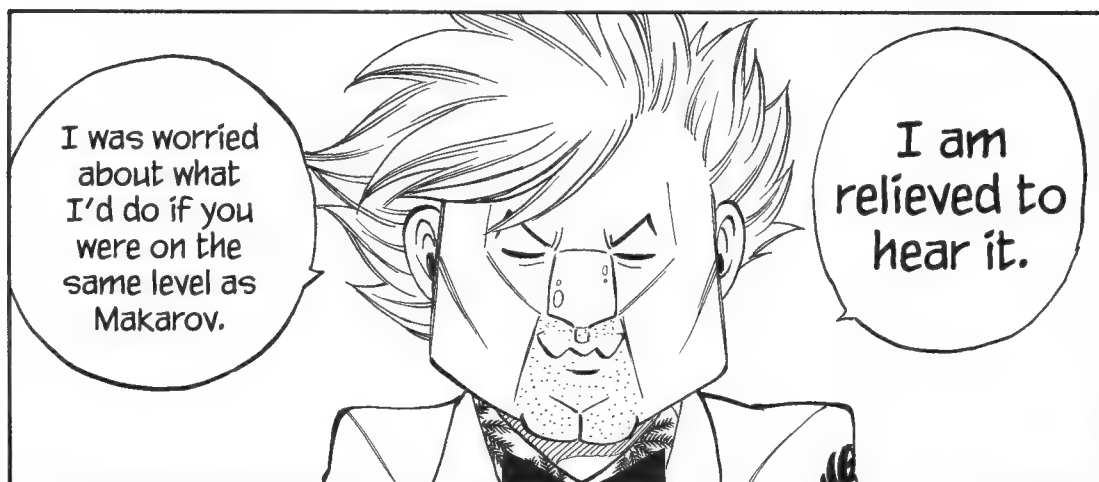
Geez, that
idiot!

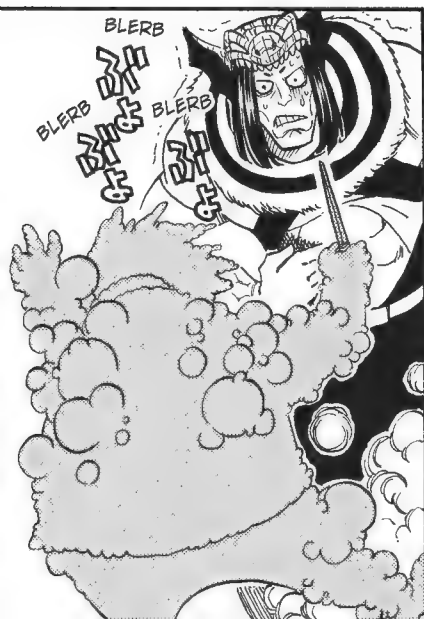
WaaH!

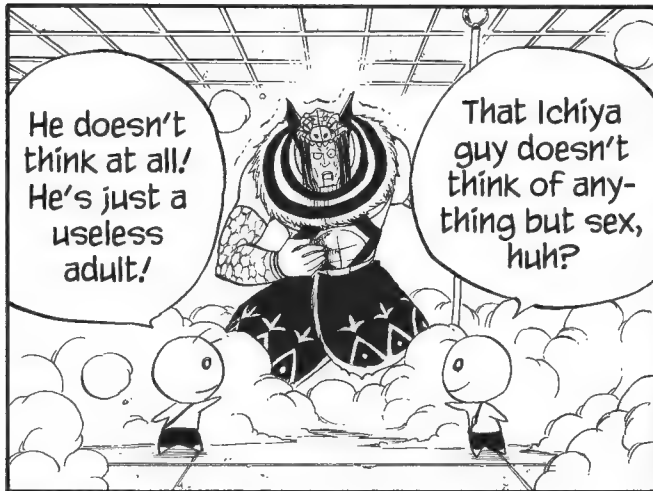
We have
no choice.
Let us go.













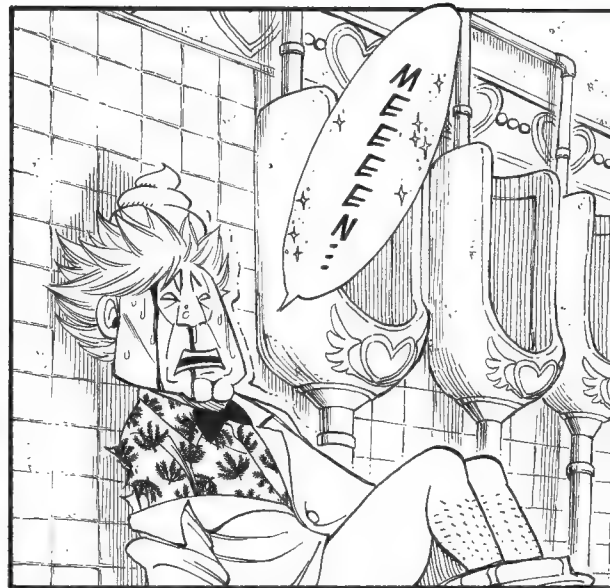
I had him copied.

And that's how I found out your entire plan.

...we even know how he thinks!

When we copy somebody...

MEMBER OF THE
ORACIÓN SEIS
ANGEL



FAIRY TAIL

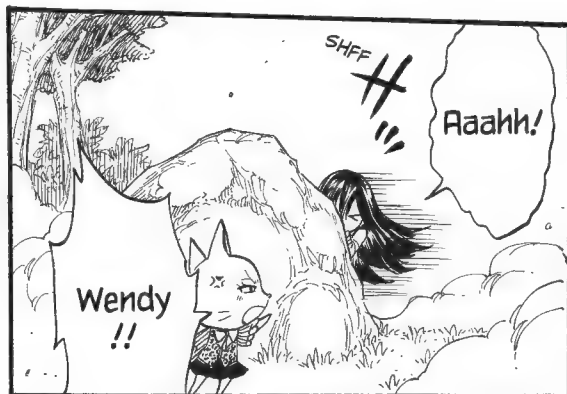
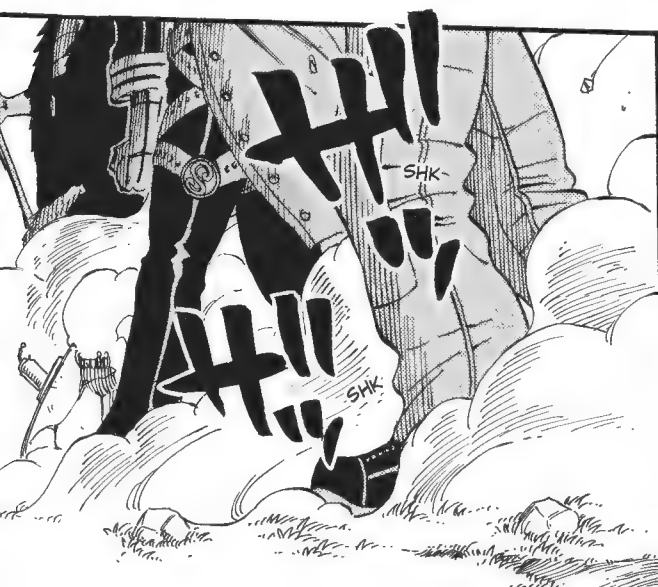
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 134: Oración Seis Appears!

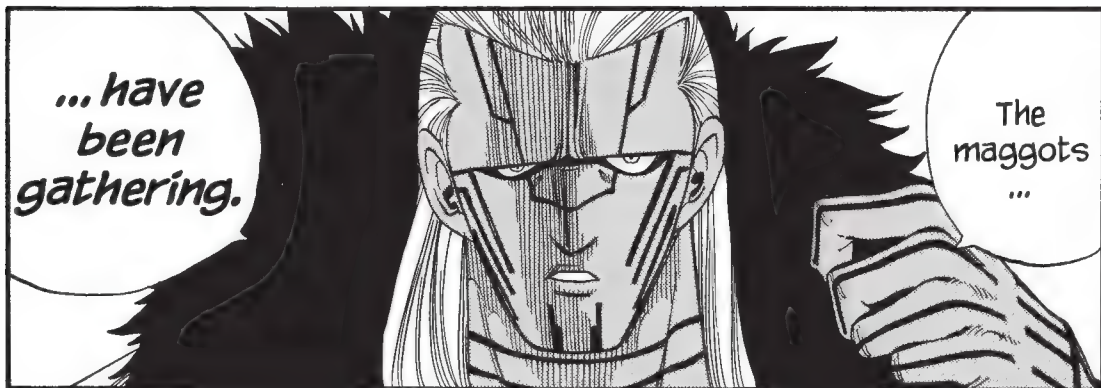
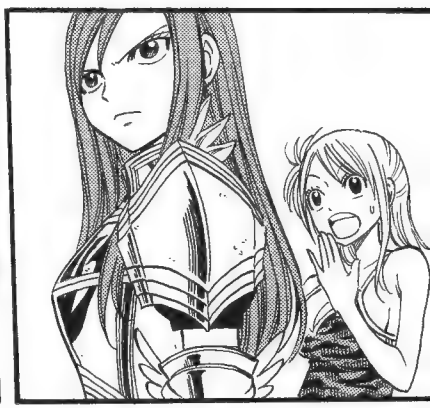














Impossible!!!



What
?!!



We've
already
taken down
Jura and
Ichiya.

What
do you
think?

We see
through
all of your
futile
plans.



It's best
to race
through
our prob-
lems.
And you
guys...

...could
seem
like a
problem.



I can
hear
it...

...your
trem-
bling!!



I never
thought
you'd come
to meet us.



I think
one of your
group is
asleep...

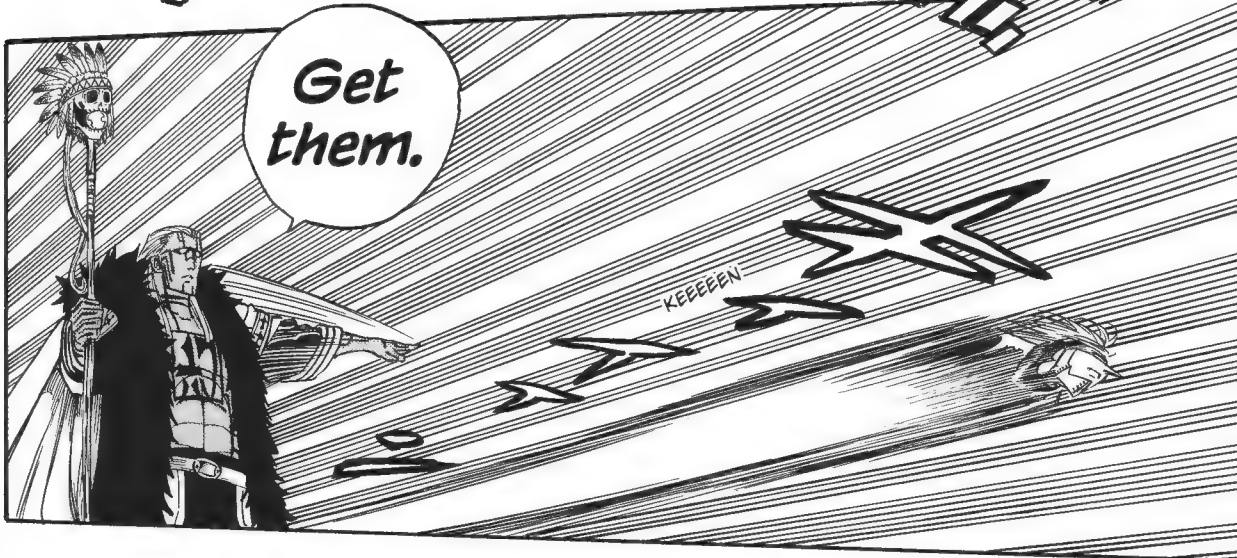
SNORE SNORE

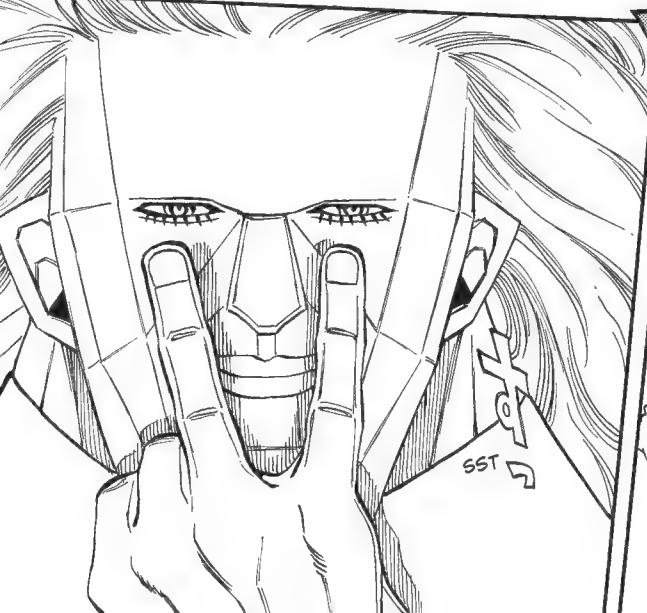
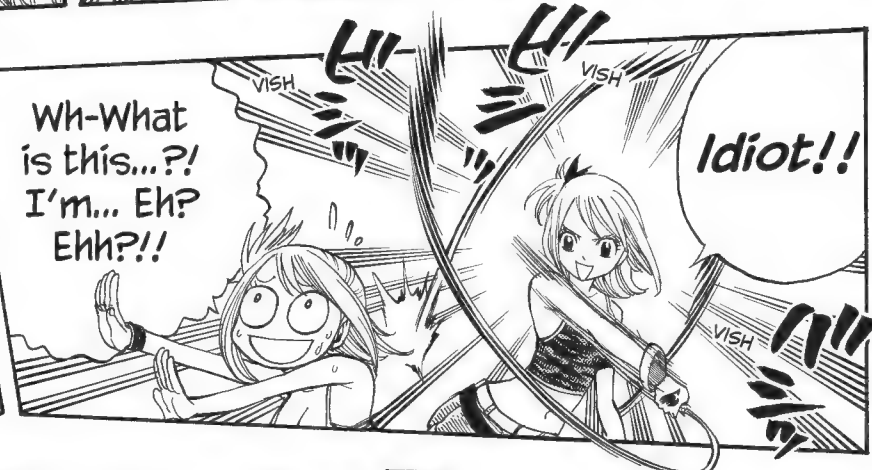
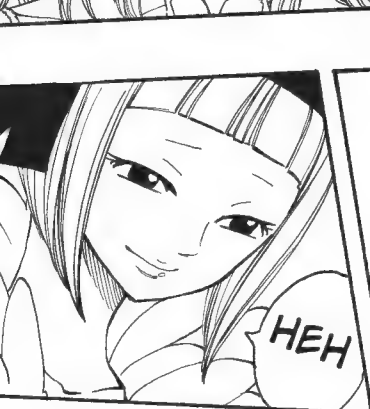
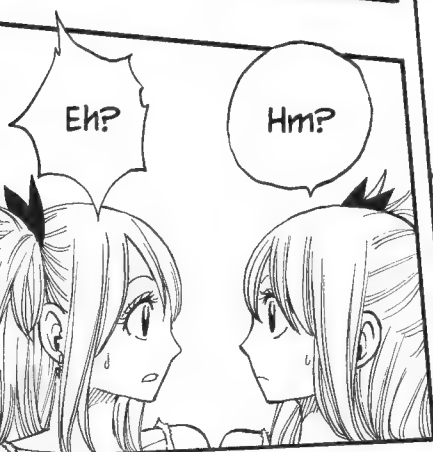
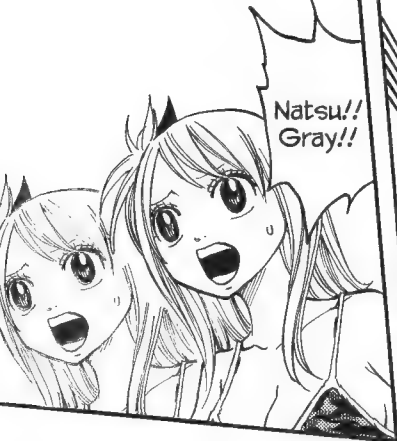


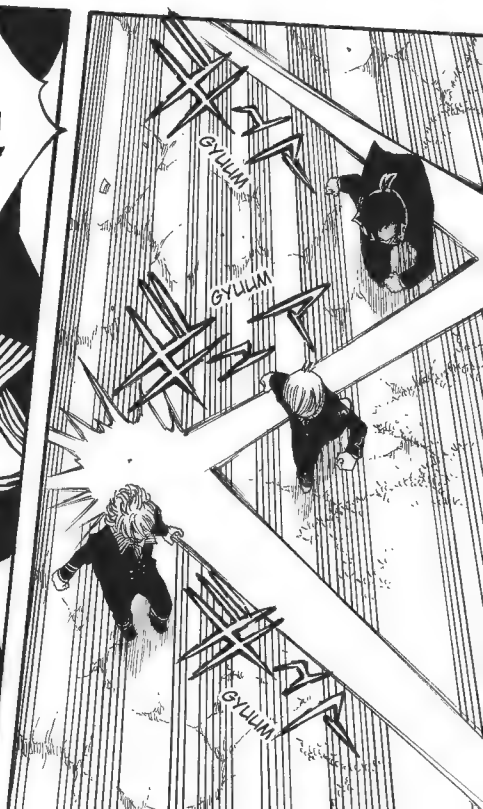
I'll give
you a tip.
"Money
makes
the world
go..."

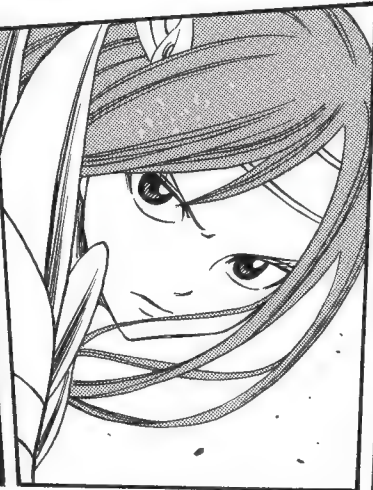
You
shut up,
Hoteye!

Money
makes
people
stronger.





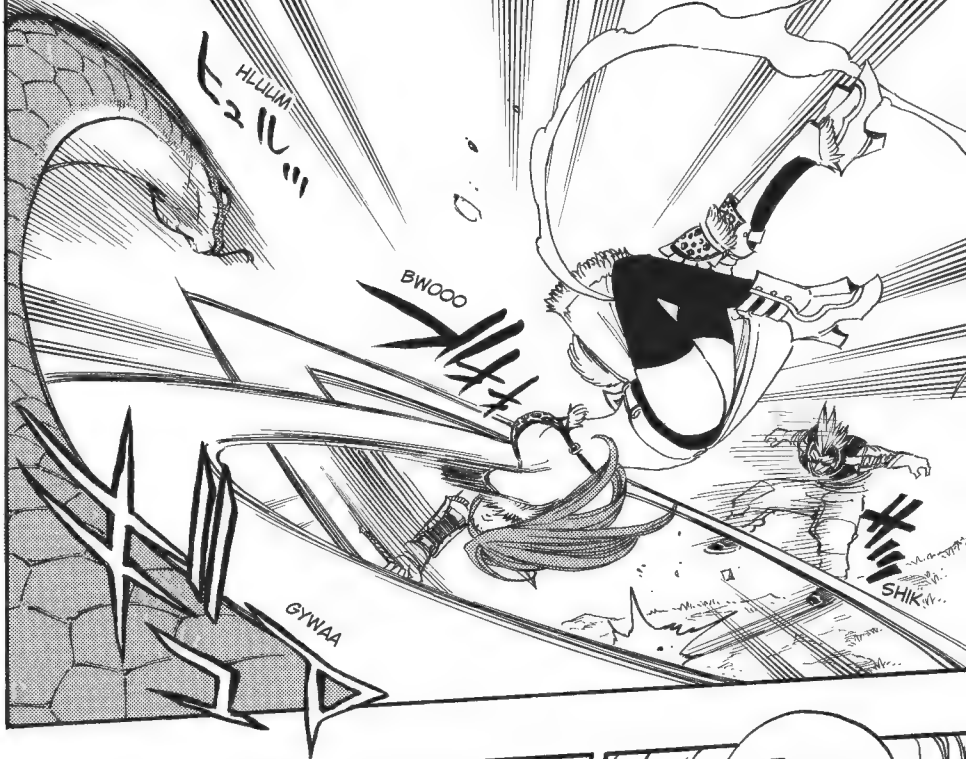








Ho... So
this is Erza
Scarlet?

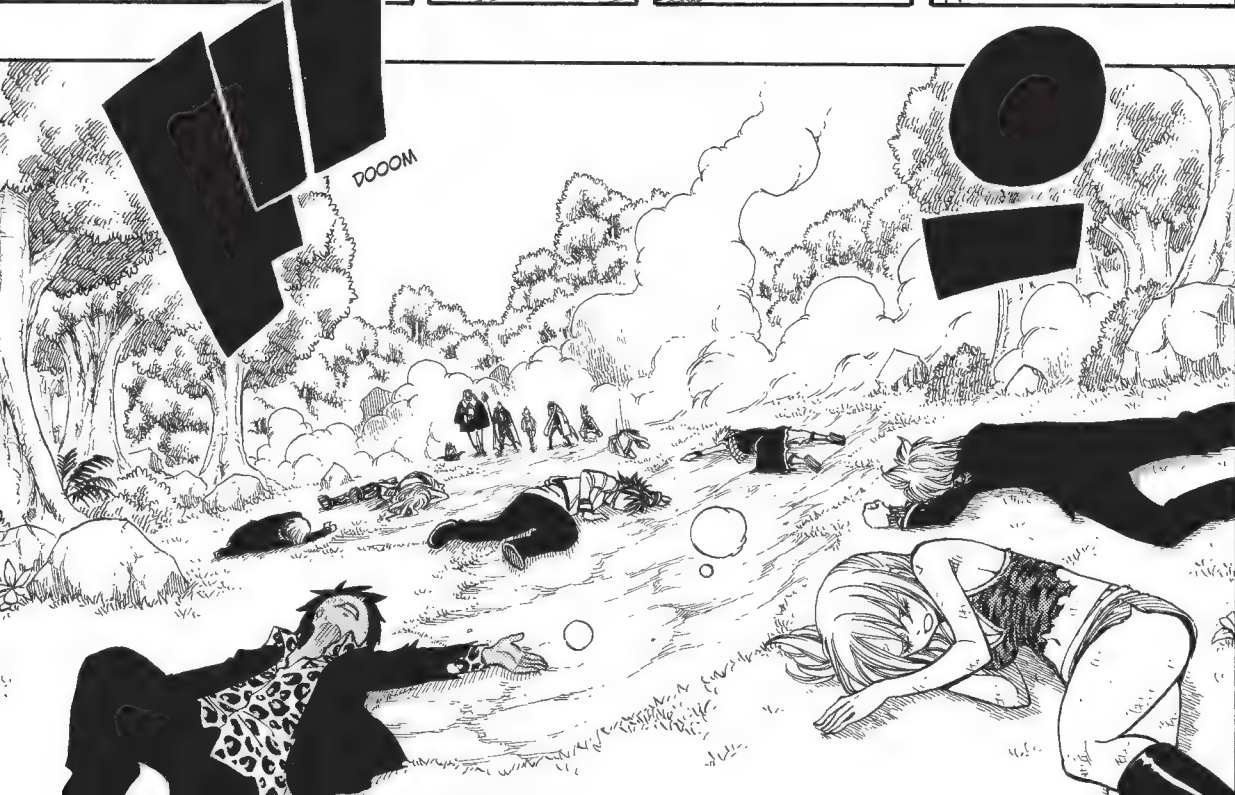
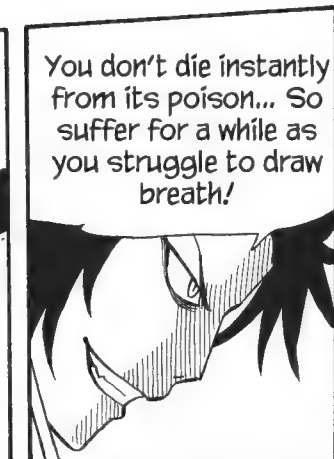
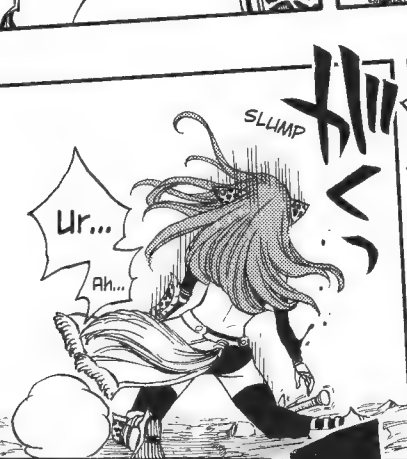
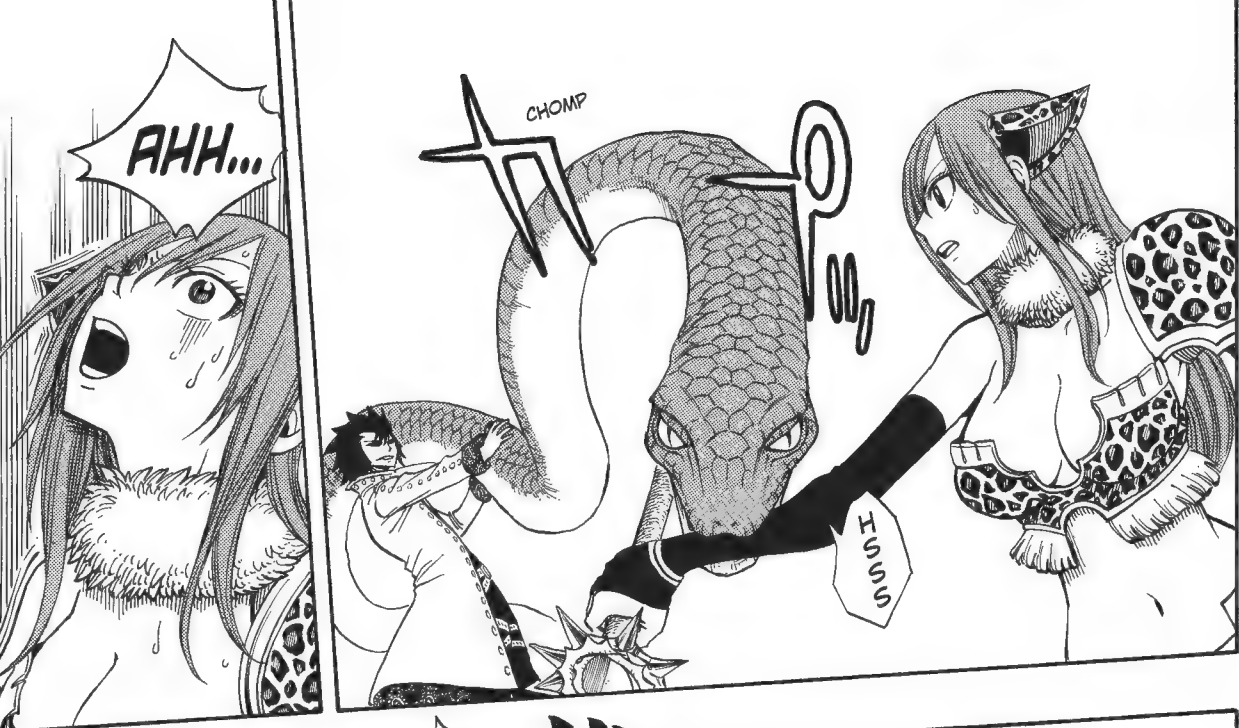


I see
you, do I
not?



I can
hear your
move-
ment...





DO-DOON



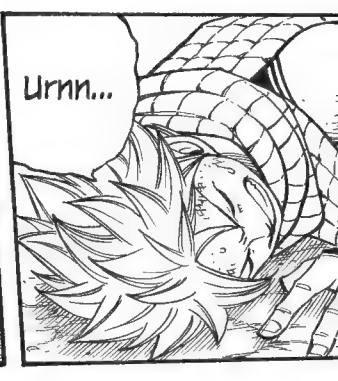
You little ...



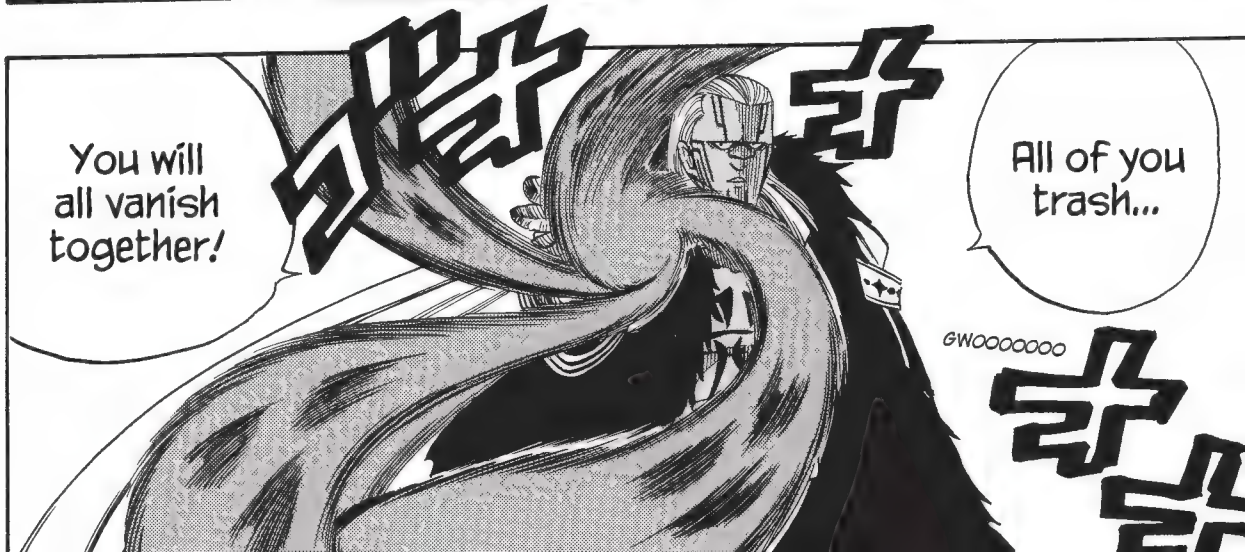
HAHH HAAH



They're strong ...



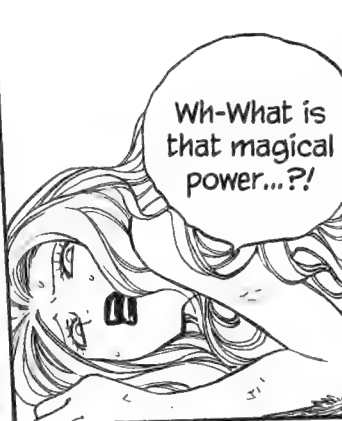
Urnn...

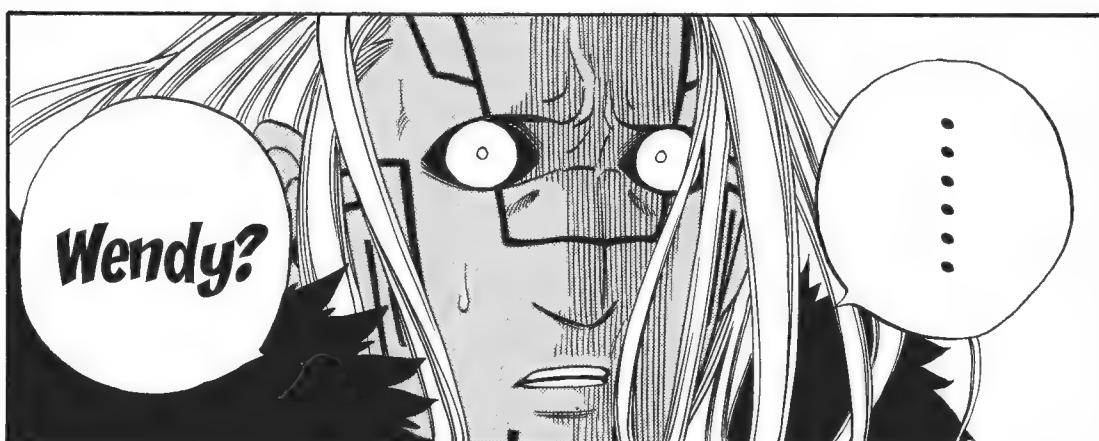
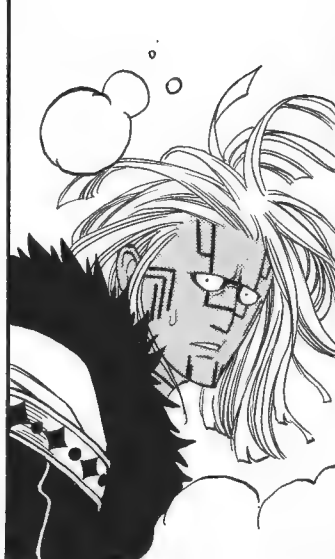


You will all vanish together!

All of you trash...

GWOOOOOOO





TO BE CONTINUED

Afterword



How did you like the Director's Cut version of Fantasia? I'm sure anyone who doesn't read this manga in the magazine would be asking, "What's this all about?" It's about the fact that Fantasia appeared in a different version when it was serialized in the magazine. Here, it's expanded by ten full pages! Not only extra pages, but everything has been re-edited! If you ask why I went through the pain of all that additional work, my answer is, "Because I wanted to." (Yeah, I'm an idiot.) Actually, ever since I decided to do the Laxus story arc, I was really looking forward to drawing Fantasia, and as luck would have it, I was allowed extra pages in the very issue where it would occur. The magazine gave me a full 25 pages to draw the chapter! I was pretty giddy just thinking about it! But I had to cut a lot out, or the story just wouldn't work right. I'd be muttering, "Twenty-five pages just isn't enough," all the while I was drawing it. Well, I just couldn't live without showing a version that included the lively scenes I had envisioned, so I added the pages as a Director's Cut here in the graphic novel. Yeah, I know, the story is exactly the same, but I could only think that it was a good thing to give the readers an idea of how fun Fantasia is. The original version can only be read in a magazine long out of date now. Sorry.

And with all that, we bring the Laxus story arc to an end and start a new plot. There are a lot of characters here. It's really rough to draw it all. But it's a kick to draw Lyon after all this time, and Ichiya is a really fun character, if I do say so myself. (laughs) And then there's Wendy. One member of my staff mentioned that for some reason, little girls just don't appear in my manga. (Not that I'm against it or anything.) So I thought, "I'll show 'em!" and came up with up a character there on the spot. And somehow she just became strangely popular among the people I hang with. I have to admit that as I draw her more, I've come to like her more and more as well, and now I'm getting the feeling that she just might become a key player. On another interesting subject, I had been using the term "working title" with the name Oración Seis right up to the deadline. I never actually made a final decision on their name, so the working title wound up as their real name. But keep that a secret, okay?

EMERGENCY
REQUEST!

EXPLAIN THE
MYSTERIES OF
FAIRY TAIL!

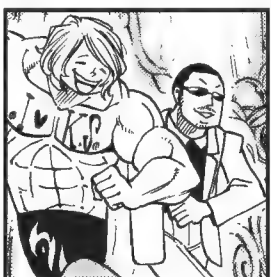
: Moun•tain•li•on•pooon!!!

: Hi everybody! It's time for
"Emergency Request! Explain
the Mysteries of FT!" again!

Lucy: This time, we're going to give
you the straight answers!

Mira: Here's the first question.

*I see these
two all the
time. Who
are they?*



Lucy: You do see them every
now and again in the guild
scenes.

Mira: They're proper guild members!
On the left is Joey Fullborn.
And on the right is Wan Chanji.

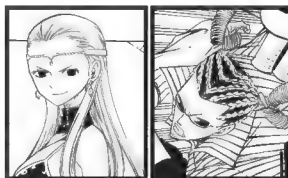
: That Joey guy... Don't you
think he's a little overly
macho?

: On top of that, he loses
his teeth a lot. It's fun to
try to find them.

Lucy: A guy who loses his teeth
a lot...?

Mira: On to the next question.

*During the Tower of Heaven story,
Lucy called Cancer (can only call on
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and
Sundays) along with Aquarius (can only
call on Wednesdays). They should never
have been able
to be called
on the same
day. What's
the meaning of
this?*



Lucy: Ohh... About that... Actually,
the days of the week in the
contracts can change. As the
trust between myself and my
celestial spirits strengthens,
the number of days I can call
them can increase as well.

Mira: Really? So since you can call
Loke at any time of the day or
night, your trust level with him
is at maximum, huh?

: Yeah...maybe... If you say so.
I can't really say myself.

Mira: What about Plue?

Lucy: Oh, Plue is a call-at-any-time
spirit now. I can call Plue
whenever, and he'll come.

Mira: Good! Then let me borrow
Plue, okay?

Lucy: Eh?

: I hear Plue is good for
stiff shoulders.

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right-hand page.

Continued from the
left-hand page.

: Never!!

Mira: And here we have the
next question.

*Lucy's Father
said his compa-
ny was bought,
but even so, he
lost all of his
personal pos-
sessions. That
seems a little
strange to me.*



Lucy: Hey, that's one smart questioner...!

Mira: That's true. In present days,
most companies use money out
of the company's own budget,
so even if the company should
collapse, it wouldn't be some-
thing the president would lose
his personal possessions over.

Lucy: So you're saying that in his
case, he risked his own personal
money to keep his company's
budget going?

Mira: That's how it'd go. It's likely
that his company wasn't in as
good a financial condition as
you would have thought, Lucy.

: Father...

Mira: Ah... I'm sorry. I'm sure he
must have always worked hard
at his job. Even if he named
you on a whim.

: Did you really need to say that?!!

Mira: And on to the final question.

*Mystogan...
Just who is
he anyway?*



Lucy: You mean from that scene
in Volume 15? You know, I'm
burning with curiosity over
that myself!!

Mira: Yes... I'm curious too.

Lucy: Tell me, Mira-san! What did
he mean by, "The other..."?!

Mira: "The other" means a differ-
ent one of a certain subset
of items. Aside from that, I
haven't a clue.

: And the one guy who did
know, Laxus, isn't here
anymore...

: So let's just look forward
to the final reveal of the
answer when it happens!♥

: I guess that's the answer!

Mira: ...So, Lucy... You're
going to lend me Plue?

Lucy: What's that all about?! I don't
want him used in some weird
massage!

Mira: Nothing like that!
*I'm doing research on
what the voice of a
mountain lion sounds like.*

Lucy: *But Plue is a dog!!!*
And even so, his voice
sounds nothing like a dog
either...

: And so, see you all next
time! Moun•tain•li•on•pooon,
woof woof!!!

: Mountain **LION**. It's one
of the big cats! Wait, I
said that last time...

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▲ But strangely, I like his expression a lot.

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Osaka, Ri-ochan

▼ It's actually pretty rare to get a Gray/Lucy combo picture.



Saitama Prefecture, Rina Shimada

▼ They were in the background in Volume 13. Now where have I seen them before...



Kōchi Prefecture, Tomoki Takahashi

▼ Everybody's got such great smiles! When I see a drawing like this, I just feel happy!



Ishikawa Prefecture, Mamorare-tai

▼ Oh, hey! That's cool... Although he was originally planned as a kind of dumb-guy character...



Kanagawa Prefecture, Kenta Noro

▼ This person claims to be rooting for Gajeel. Well this time he got a quiet-but-very-good role in the story!



Saitama Prefecture, Moai

▼ For some reason I got a lot of postcards with Bickslow on it. I guess he just made people want to draw.



Niigata Prefecture, Rairi

▼ We'll draw! I really like Lucy's expression!



Aichi Prefecture, Yuzu-hime.

▼ This Natsu is sort of cool, huh?



Saitama Prefecture, Yuko Fujimoto

▼ Scary! But it looks good on her, so I'm impressed!



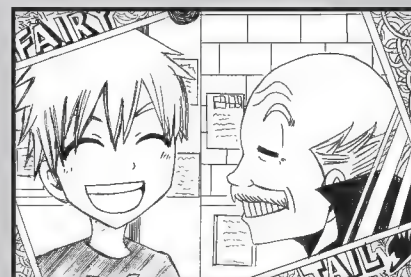
Nagano Prefecture, Kumousagi

▼ Just recently a "sempai" of mine said, "Lucy's great! Put her in more often!"



Hokaido, Mashima-sensei's Biggest Fan

▼ Natsu and Erza both turned into Pile!



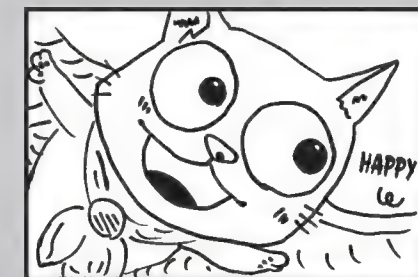
Gifu Prefecture, Suno

▼ What did you think of Fantasia? The bonds between the Master and Laxus.



Kagoshima Prefecture, Serino Ueyama

▼ Oh, ho! Come to think of it, she was like that a long time ago, huh?



Fukushima Prefecture, Fumiya Kumazawa

▼ Happy's full of energy! I wonder where he's going riding the wind like that!

Translation Notes:

Page 91, Ebi

As mentioned in Volume 2, *ebi* is Japanese for "shrimp." *Kani* is Japanese for "crab." In most children's books and manga, crab characters end their sentences with the sound, *kani*. This sounds fun and is easy for Japanese children to imitate. As Cancer is a crab, it would be expected for him to end his sentences with *kani* as well, but as a comic switch, he ends his sentences with the sound *ebi* instead.

Page 116, Oración Seis, Grimoire Heart and Tartaros

In the Japanese version, each of the three dark guilds in the Balam Alliance had names made up of *kanji* with the western names used as pronunciation guides. The *kanji* for Oración Seis means "Six Demon Generals," *kanji* for Grimoire Heart means "Devil's Heart," and for Tartaros means "Gates of Hell."

Page 132, Tsundere

Tsundere is a word coined within the past decade for characters who pretend to be annoyed and unfeeling toward another character whereas they are actually madly in love. The word comes from two onomatopoeic words, *tsun* *tsun*, the sound of poking someone, and *dere* *dere*, the sound of cuddling. Female *tsundere* characters have become very popular in anime.



Page 136, Meeeen

A popular use of the English word "men" in Japan is in the word *ikemen* (the word for good looking men). Ichiya's cry also looks like the Japanese sound for a sheep's bleat.

Page 139, Pretty!

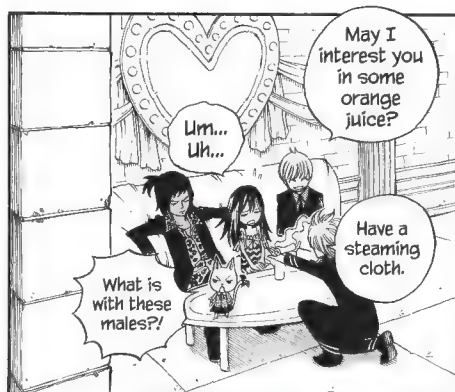
In Japanese, he used the word *ike* which is the first part of "*ikemen*" (see above note). A translation for *ikemen* might be, "pretty boy."

Page 150, -dono

The suffix, *-dono*, is an archaic word that means approximately the same as the present use of *-sama*. It is a very respectful honorific taken from the Japanese word for Edo-period lords.

Page 150, Orange juice

Whereas OJ is a great breakfast drink for people of any age in the U.S., in Japan orange juice (as well as any other sweet soft drink) is considered a children's drink. Even drinks like bottled sweetened ice café au lait and milk tea are given the generic term of "juice" (*jûsu* in Japanese) and are considered drinks for children.



Page 183, Dark Rondo

In Italian, "rondo" means "round-about." But in music, it refers to a musical theme that appears several times over the course of a musical composition.



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Huh?

GRAB

Ah!

!!!

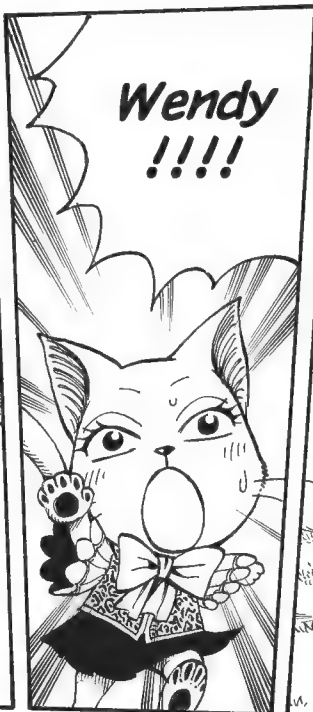


WENDY!!!

CARLAA!!!



Happy!!!!



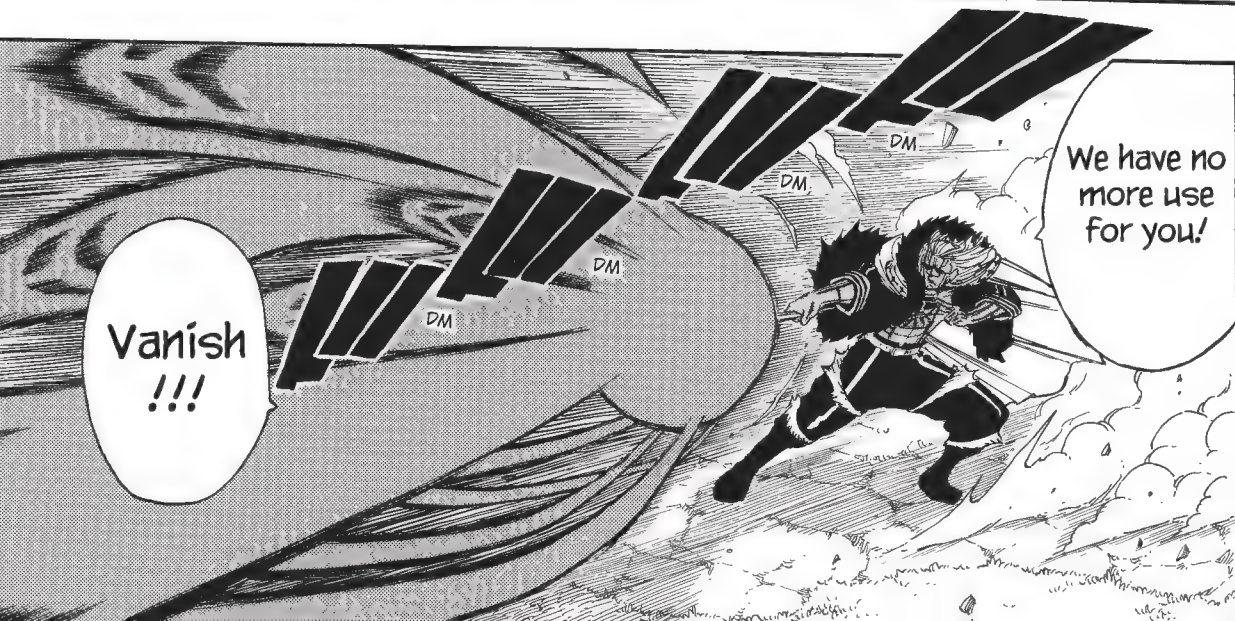
Wendy!!!!



NATSU!
WAAA!!!

GYULUM

KYAAAAA!

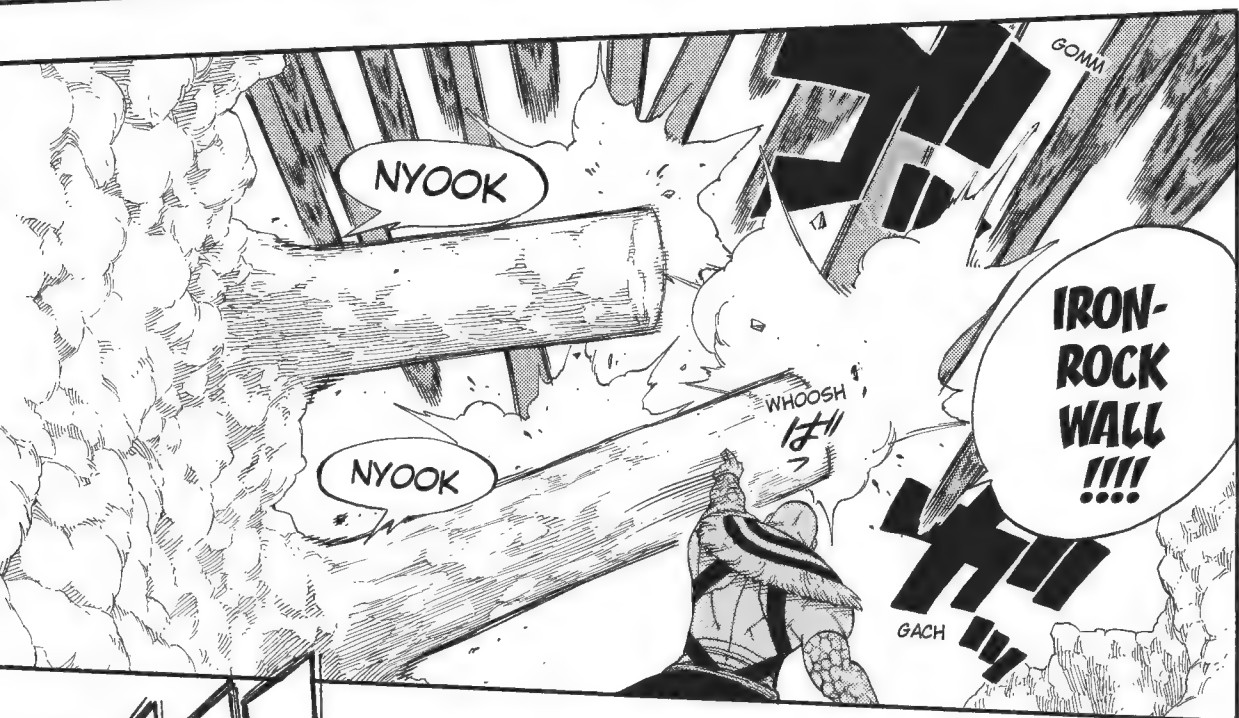


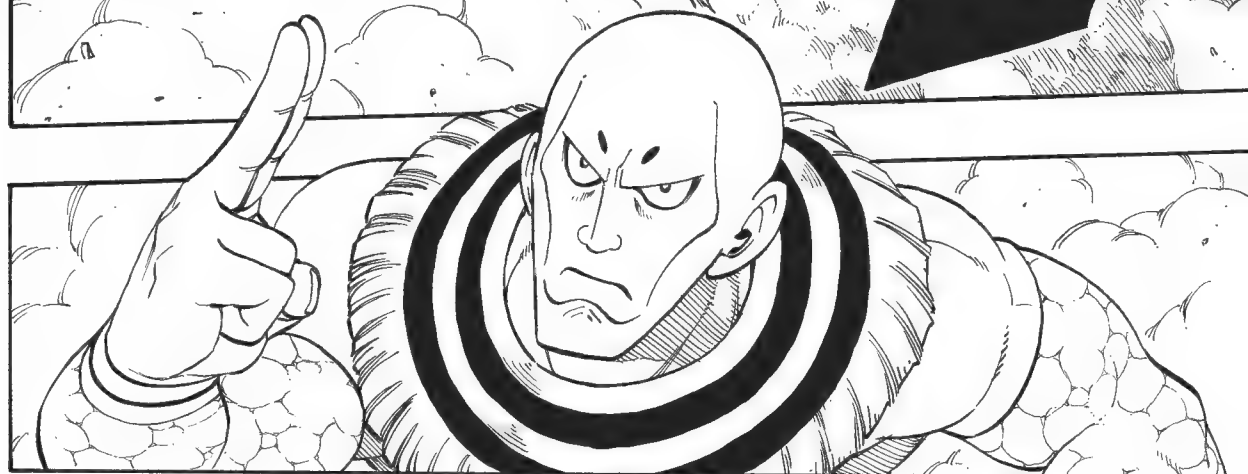
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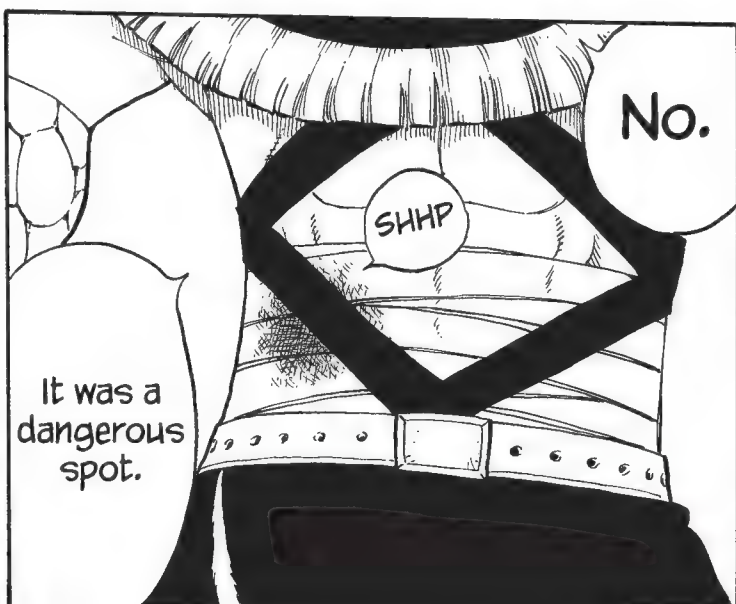
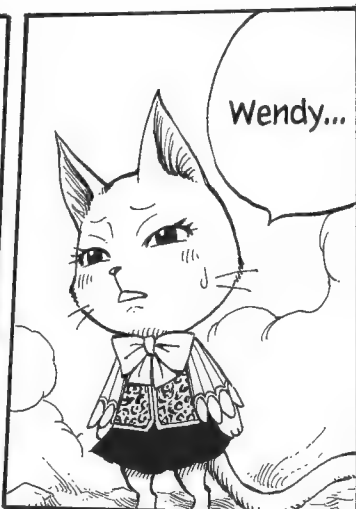
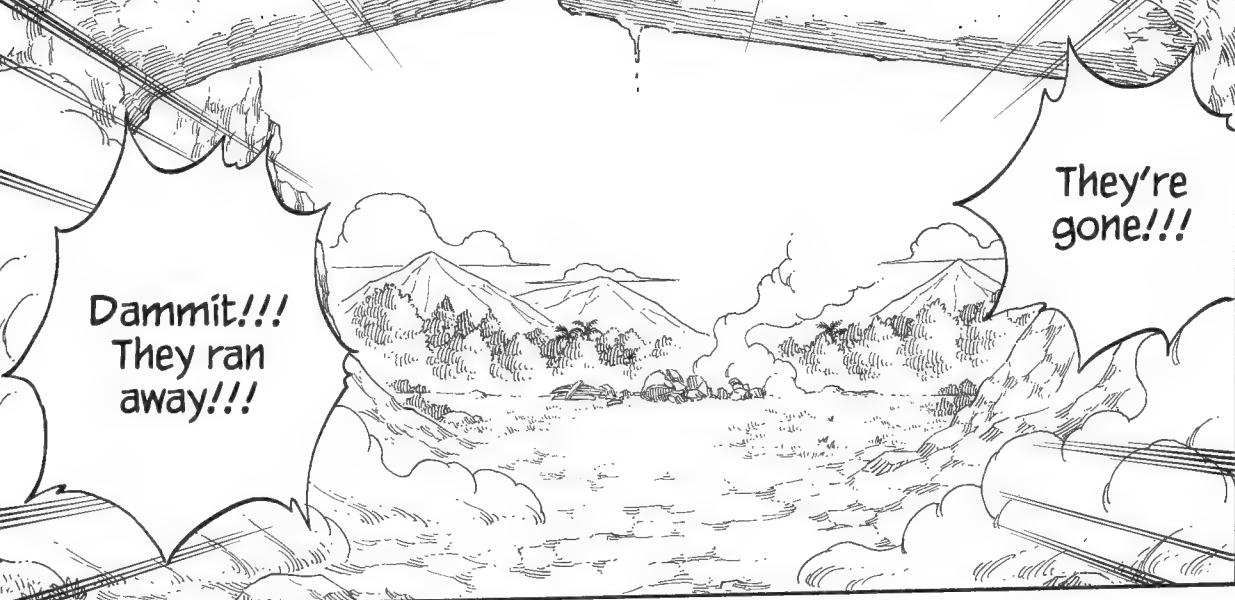
We have no more use for you!

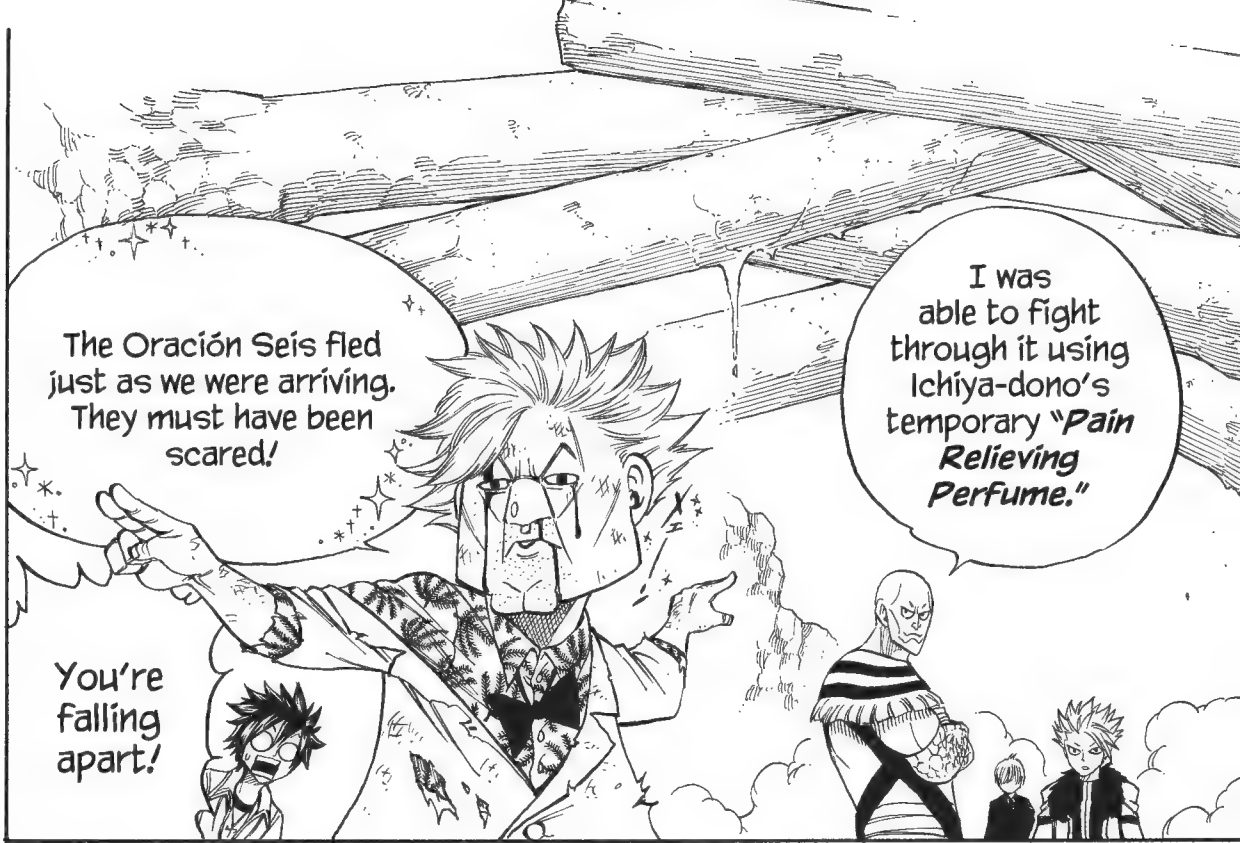


Everybody
down!!!









The Oración Seis fled
just as we were arriving.
They must have been
scared!

I was
able to fight
through it using
Ichiya-dono's
temporary "*Pain
Relieving
Perfume.*"

You're
falling
apart!



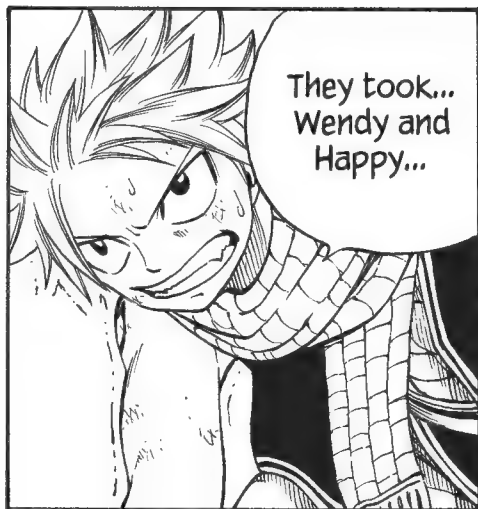
My pain...is
gradually fading
away...



It
smells
nice!



Everyone
partake of my
Pain Relieving
Perfume!



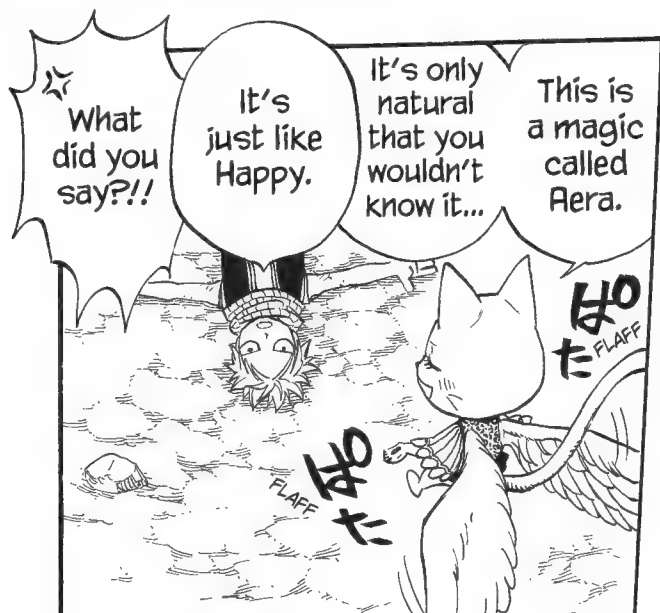
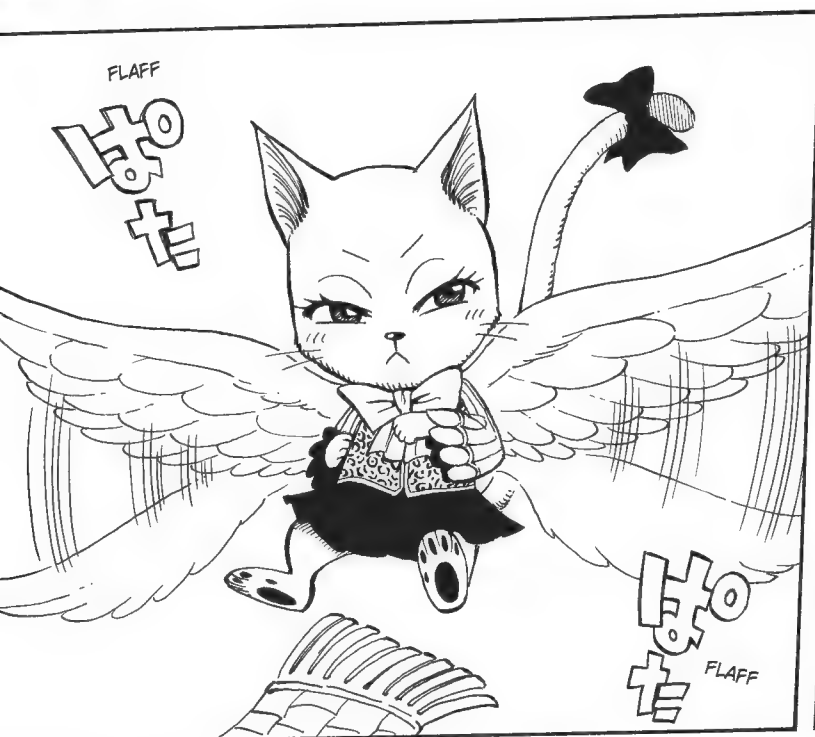
They took...
Wendy and
Happy...

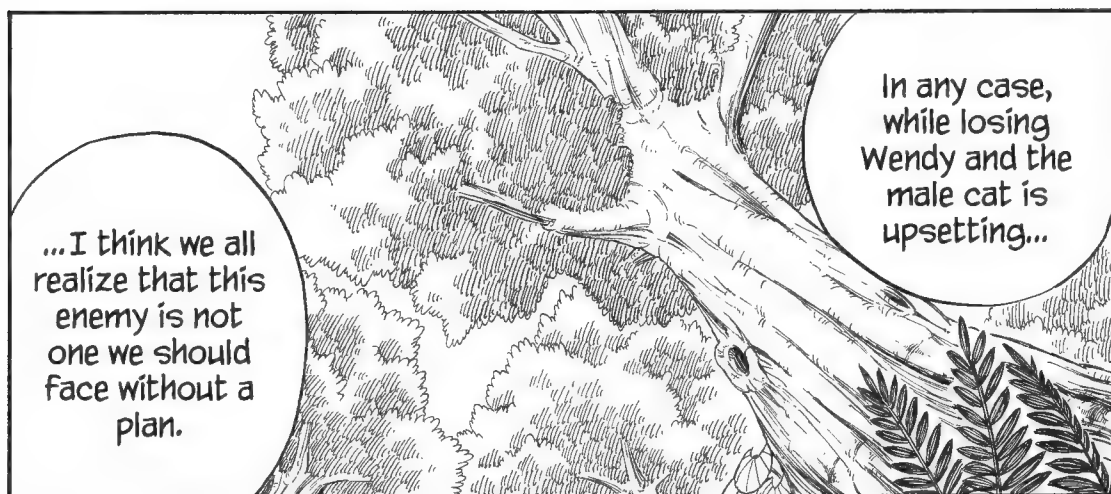


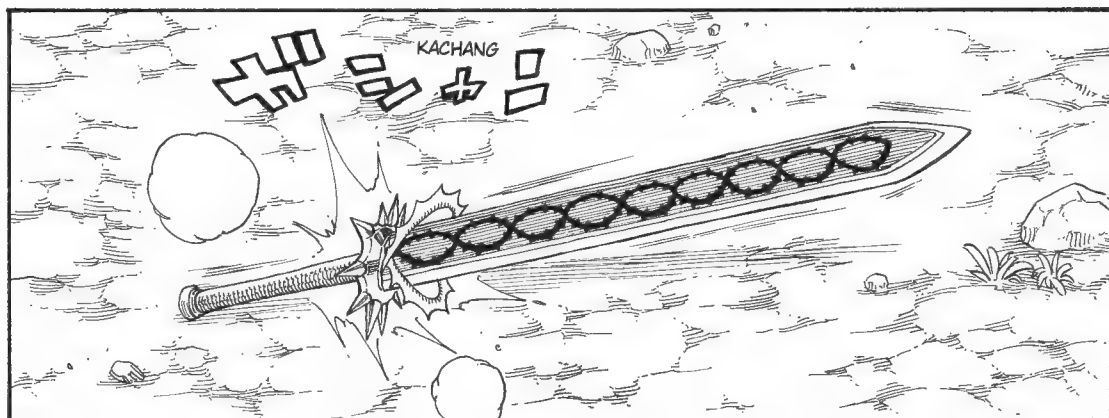
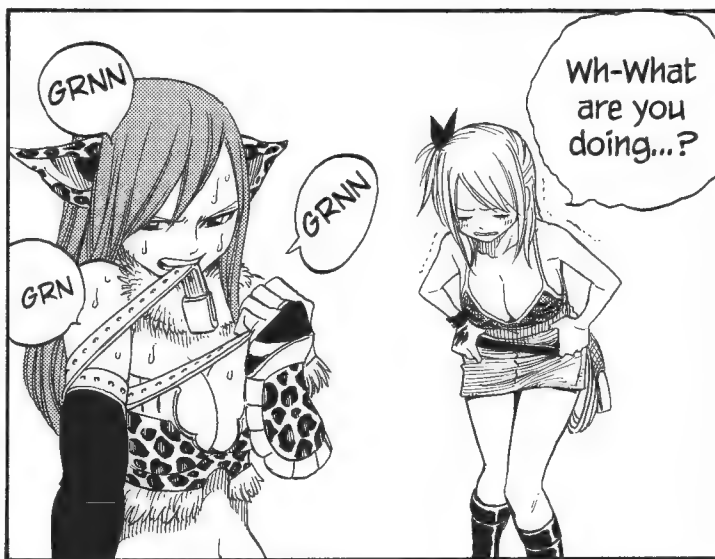
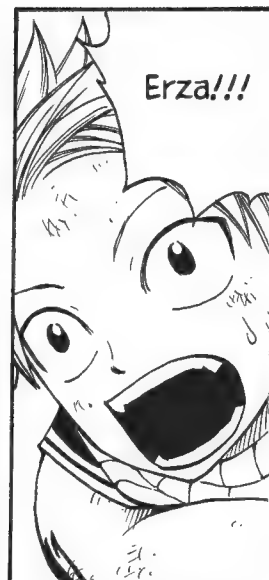
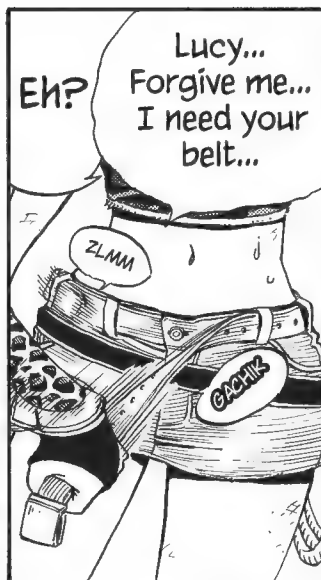
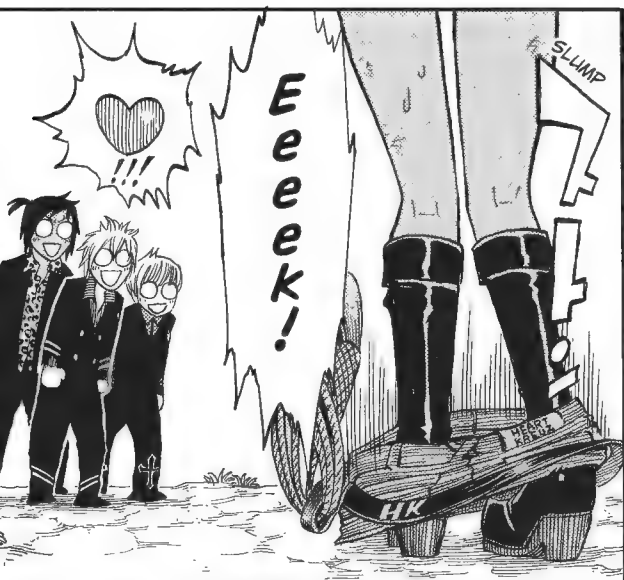
They
changed
their name
for him
again...

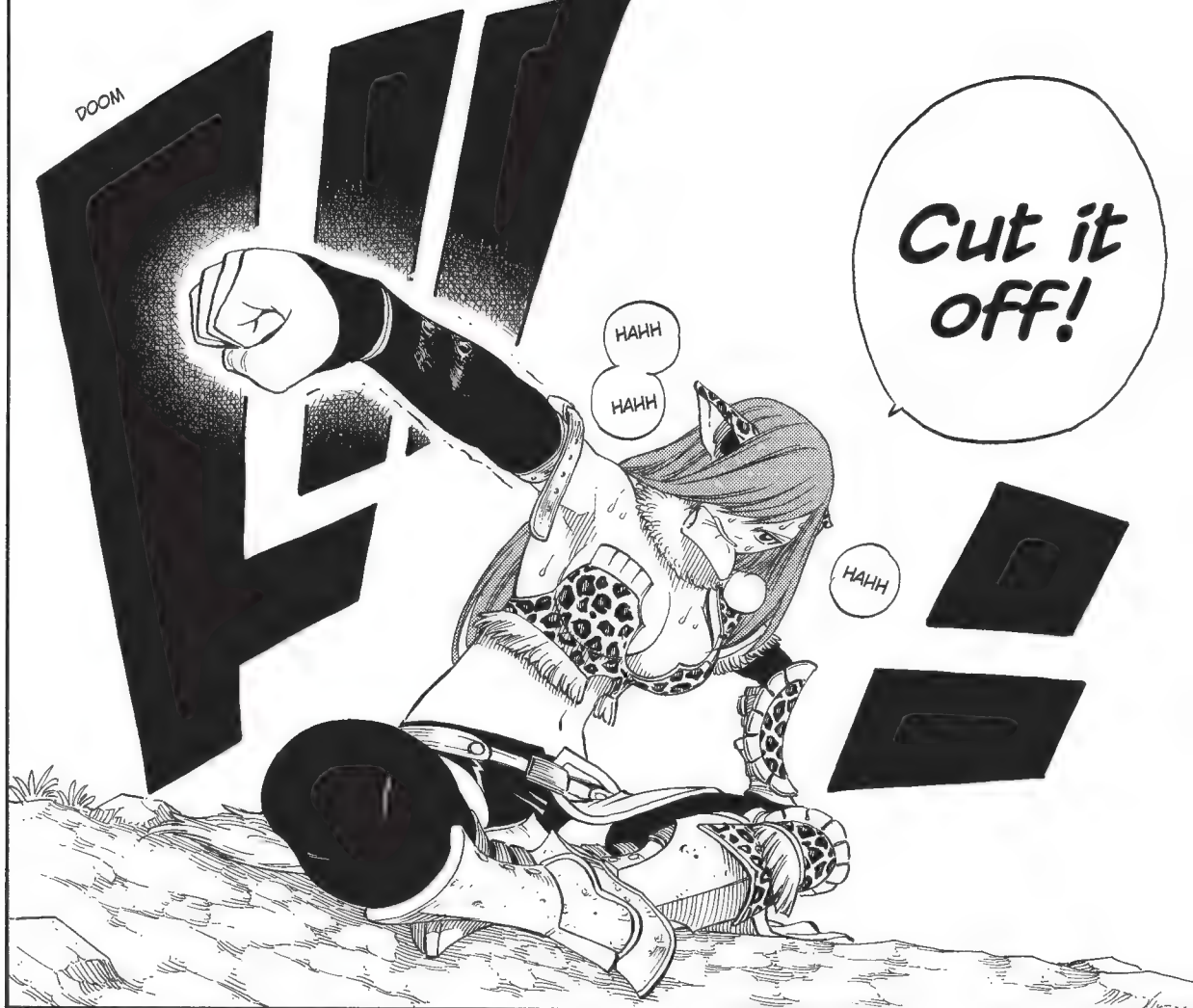


*That's our
sensei for
you!*











But...



We cannot
allow this
woman to die
here and
now!



**Don't
!!!**



**Don't
do it,
Lyon!!!**

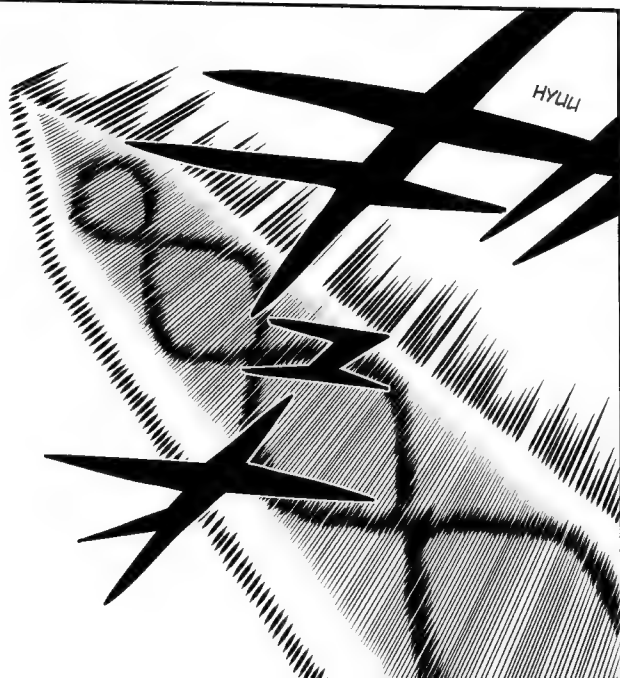


**Do it!!!!
Now!!!!**



What
would *you*
know about
reality?!

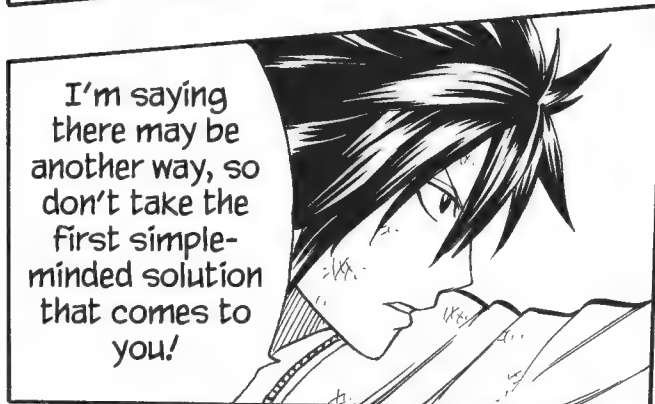
Just how
divorced
from reality
are you
Fairies?!



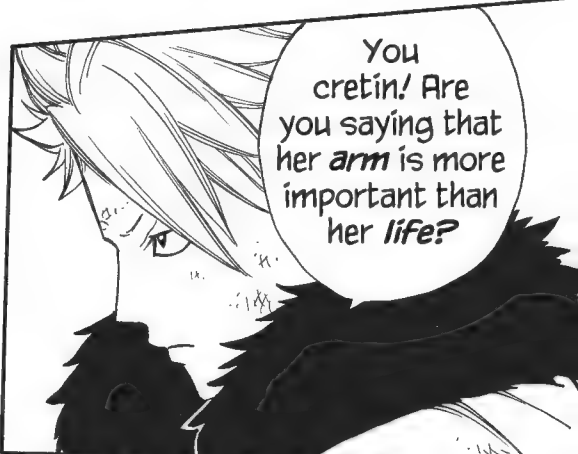
It is
Erza-dono's
wish!

You don't
have to
do it!

Will you
stop
this
?!!!



I'm saying
there may be
another way, so
don't take the
first simple-
minded solution
that comes to
you!



You
cretin! Are
you saying that
her *arm* is more
important than
her *life*?

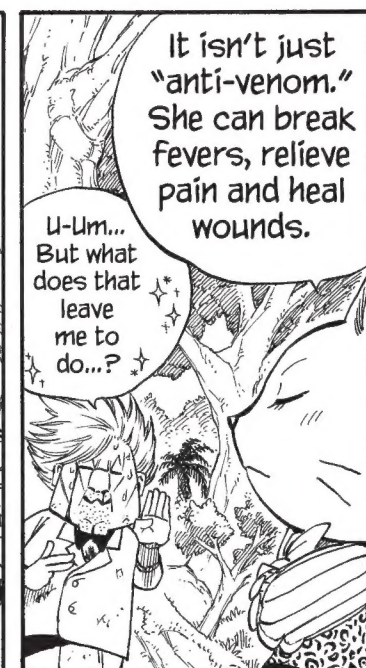
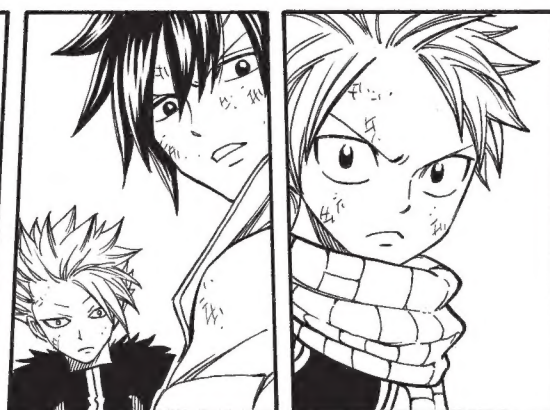
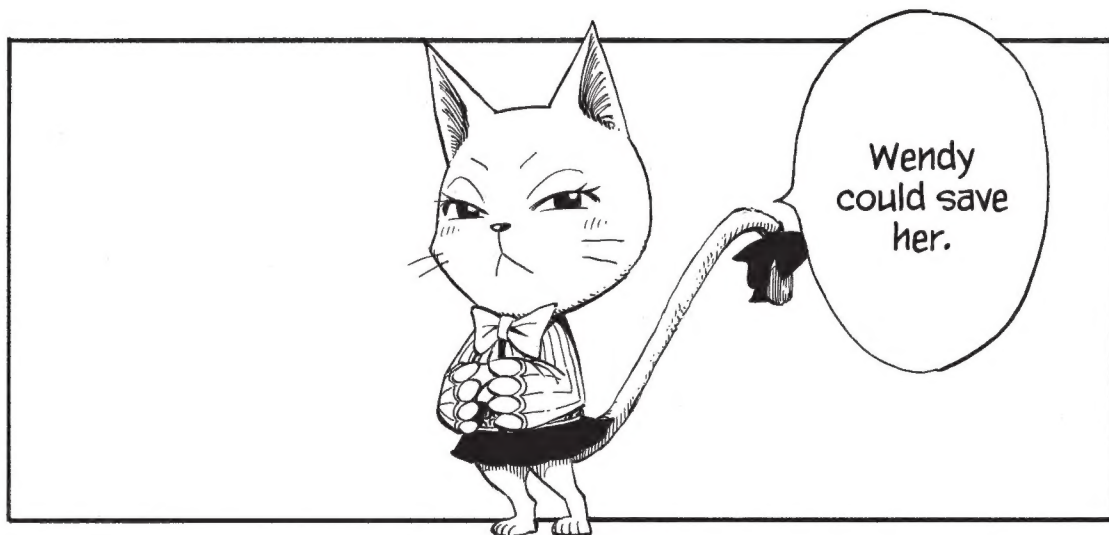


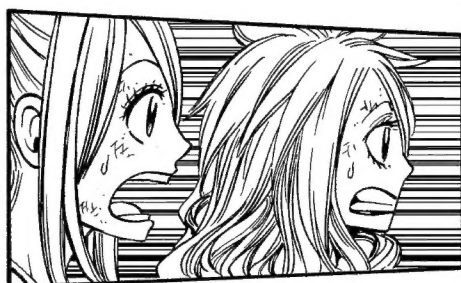
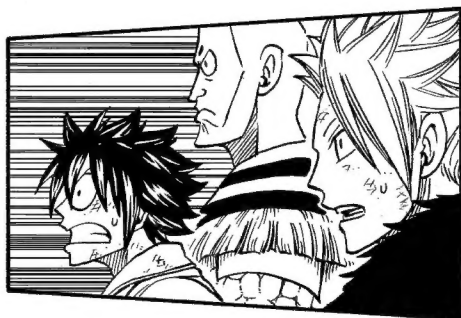
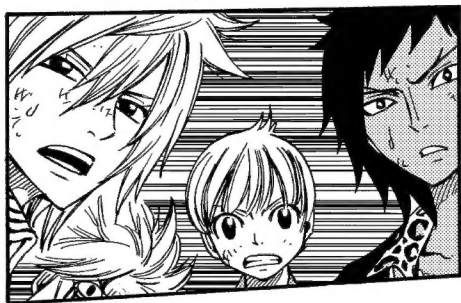
This is bad!!
If we don't do
something, the
poison in her
body...

Erza!!!



Ah...





**She is a
sky dragon
slayer.**

**Sky
Dragon
Wendy.**

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